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...plus all of the "After Dark" storylines

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Our story, so far...

In the previous collection, *"Under New Management,"* the Fairmount City branch of Evil Inc hired Thea Rhutman as its new manager. Since Thea wasn't a supervillain, some employees devised a plan to chase her off. Unfortunately, Dr. Muskiday's scheme involved teleporting a sentient slime – the Mucilaginous Wraith – to Earth. It succeeded in terrifying the powerless manager and then proceeded to consume the entire business park. When Fairmount City's top superhero, Captain Heroic, rushed to save the day, he collided with Evil Inc's own Miss Match. He fell hopelessly in love with the raven-haired do-badder.

This would be problematic. Not only was Captain Heroic a hero, but he was *already* secretly dating Miss Match's co-worker, Psy-Chick. And Miss Match was developing feelings for her new client, Sobek-Ra, an Egyptian demigod. And thanks to Dr. Muskiday's Dreamcaster, everybody was getting the hots for the villainous Iron Dragon!

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TURNBACK TIME

BZZZZT
Huh?
ZSSSH
ZSSSH
ZSSSH
DID WE NOT PAY THE INTERNET BILL?
THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR SCREENS.
ZSSSH
DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ADJUST THE PICTURE. WE ARE CONTROLLING TRANSMISSION...
YOU ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE THE AWE AND MYSTERY OF THE...
71ST ANNUAL NEMESIS AWARDS
I ALMOST FORGOT IT WAS TIME FOR THE NEMMIE AWARD NOMINATIONS!
Shh!
THEY'RE ABOUT TO START!
HERE TO ANNOUNCE THE NOMINEES FOR BEST SUPERVILLAINESS ARE THE GREY GARGANTUAN AND SERPENTINA!
Y'KNOW, SERPENTINA, THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU, WE WERE ATTACKING CAPTAIN NEPTUNE'S UNDERWATER HEADQUARTERS. I STILL REMEMBER YOUR STEADY PATIENCE AND ABILITY TO HOLD YOUR BREATH.
...AND THAT WAS JUST WHEN I WAS TRYING TO GET INTO MY COSTUME!
THE NOMINEES ARE...
WINTER WIZARD...
...PSY-CHICK...
...AND MISS MATCH

CONGRATULATIONS, MISS MATCH! I THINK YOU'VE GOT IT IN THE BAG THIS YEAR!

OVER *YOU?*

I DON'T THINK SO. YOU *TOTALLY* DESERVE IT!

BUT... AFTER ALL... IT'S AN HONOR JUST TO BE NOM —⁂

Heh Heh Heh

VOTES WILL BE COLLECTED OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE AWARD CEREMONY.

OUR *CEO,* DR. WHOOSH, IS THRILLED.

HE'S OFFERING A ONE-WEEK PAID VACATION AS A BONUS.

MAY THE BEST SUPERVILLAINESS...

...win?

PSY-CHICK! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING... AND I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO *STOP!*

YOU DO?

OF COURSE! YOU JUST GOT NOMINATED FOR A NEMMIE. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY SLOPPING OVER WITH SEXUAL ENERGY.

BUT I... I CAN'T...

I'M IN A LOVING, COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP.

—WITH THAT HOLOGRAM FROM YOUR LAB?

FOUR OF THEM, ACTUALLY.

The button got sticky.

YOU *KNOW* THEY'RE NOT REAL, RIGHT?

SURE THEY ARE.

AS IF! CAN THEY DO *THIS...?*

SMAK

WOW.

YOU WIN. I GUESS I *CAN* HAVE SEX WITH YOU.

DARNED RIGHT, YOU WILL!

GET IN THERE AND GET THOSE PANTS OFF, MISTER!

snxxt

WAITAMINIT! I DON'T WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH YOU!

THEN WHY'D YOU TELL ME TO TAKE OFF MY PANTS?!

I DON'T KNOW! YOU CONFUSED ME!

WELL, IN THAT CASE, WHAT'S $e^{\frac{t}{2}}y=\int 2e^{\frac{t}{2}}\sin(3t)\,dt+c$

IT'S NOT WORKING. PANTS-UP. WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO.

I NEED A WAY TO WIN THAT VOTE, AND YOU'RE MY BEST BET.

Oooh!

I THINK I CAN DO THAT. FIRST, I'LL NEED —

WAIT.

WHAT?

YOUR... um... HUMAN'S OPEN.

Oh.

ZZZZZZiiip

SO... YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP ME?

I THINK SO. SEE... ONCE A VILLAIN IS REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE NEMMIES, THEY'RE NEVER REMOVED FROM THE LIST.

EVEN IF THEY DIE?

Nah. VILLAINS COME BACK FROM THE DEAD SO OFTEN, IT'S EASIER TO JUST KEEP 'EM ON THE LIST.

WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S STILL DEAD, AND WHO'S...

...back.

EVIL INC HAS THAT VILLAIN RE-ACCLIMATION PROGRAM...

OF COURSE! WE GET THEIR CLIENT LIST, SUBTRACT IT FROM A LIST OF DEAD VILLAINS... AND WE HAVE A LIST OF CURRENTLY DEAD VILLAINS WE CAN CAST VOTES FOR!

SO, YEAH... APART FROM A LITTLE DECOMPOSITION, I'M DOING OK...

'COURSE, THEY ROBBED ONLY THE FINEST BODY PARTS TO RE-ANIMATE ME...

TRY MOULDERING IN A GRAVE FOR A CENTURY OR TWO...

Mint..?

DEPT. of VILLAIN RE-ACCLIM

RE-INCARNATED?
RE-ANIMATED?
RE-CONSTRUCTED?
RE-VIVED?
~ Re-lax! ~
RE-ACCLIMATE!

WE COULD LOAD VOTES IN OTHER CATEGORIES, AS WELL ...for a price, of course...

BUT, WHAT IF ONE OF THE NOMINEES WE APPROACH THREATENS TO SQUEAL??

THEN THERE WILL BE ONE MORE DEAD VILLAIN TO VOTE FOR me.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

...YOU JUST GOT NOMINATED FOR A NEMMIE!

HOW UNDERHANDED!

THAT WOMAN IS CONNIVING!

DEVIOUS!

TREACHEROUS!

AND FAST.

SURE! — BUT PSY-CHICK IS ALREADY IN MUSKIDAY'S LAB!

HE'S DEVISING A PLAN TO HELP HER GET VOTES.

She beat me there by about five seconds.

Ugh!

I'M GONNA LOSE BEST SUPERVILLAINESS — TO PSY-CHICK, NO, LESS.

NOT NECESSARILY.

I'M CONFIDENT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LOSE TO HER.

You are?

Hm.

VOTES ARE BEING CAST FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THANKS FOR THE PEP TALK, DESI!

IT REALLY MEANS A LOT TO ME.

HEY, DESI. MY BOOKIE SAYS HE'LL TAKE YOUR BET.

YOU'VE GOT FIVE GRAND ON WINTER WIZARD.

Aw, heck.

Make it six.

IF I CAN PULL OFF A MAJOR ACT OF VILLAINY, I CAN STILL INFLUENCE A LOT OF VOTES!

Heh.

THERE'S ***NO WAY*** EITHER OF THOSE TWO ARE GONNA BEAT WINTER WIZARD.

"NOT AFTER THAT BANK HEIST SHE PULLED..."

THE FIFTH NATIONAL BANK HAS HAD ITS ACCOUNTS FROZEN.

SOLID!

— AND IN THE PROCESS, WINTER WIZARD HAS CREATED THE LARGEST FREE-STANDING ICE SCULPTURE IN HISTORY!

WE'VE GOT TO GET IN THERE!

I JUST SOLD MY SCULPTURE TO THE FAIRMOUNT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART.

WE'RE ALREADY SELLING TICKETS TO THE EXHIBIT. SO... **HANDS-OFF!**

TOO BAD. MISS MATCH IS A TEN-TO-ONE LONGSHOT.

TEN TO ONE??

SURE. BUT SHE'D NEED ***HELP,*** AND I HEAR OUR RESIDENT SUPER-GENIUS IS... BUSY...

TESS, CALL YOUR BOOKIE.

TELL HIM I WANT ALL MY MONEY ON MISS MATCH.

Heh. ***THAT'LL*** TEACH YOU TO TAKE MY PARKING SPACE, MISS MATCH...

MISS MATCH! MISS MATCH! I WANT TO ***HELP!***

OH! Heh-heh... THAT'S OK, DESI...

NO! – I HAVE AN IDEA! WHAT IF YOU BEAT CAPTAIN HEROIC IN AN EPIC BATTLE HIGH ABOVE THE CITY?

Good one. I'LL GET RIGHT ON THAT...

BUT WHAT IF IT'S ***NOT*** THE ***REAL*** CAP, BUT RATHER, IT'S SOMEONE ***DRESSED UP*** TO LOOK LIKE HIM?

"WHO DO WE KNOW THAT CAN DO ***THAT?***"

=Psst= GO GET YOUR CAPTAIN HEROIC COSTUME, TIGER...

REALLY?!

RIGHT NOW?!?

OK... OK...

MEET ME IN THE WAREHOUSE IN TEN MINUTES...

IS THAT A "***YES***"?

...IF IT ISN'T, IT ***WILL BE*** IN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES...

Outta my way!

Fire and ice

You n lik

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I v e you

Bu just take a lit

Y tear it apart

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retty when i

"THERE I WAS... FACE-TO-FACE WITH — **THE GIGGLER!**"

"I MANAGED TO GET HER INTO A HOLD, WHEN..."

YOU MADE OUT WITH "THE *JIGGLER?!*"

AND I HAVE THE BRIGHT, RED MAKEUP STAINS TO PROVE IT.

I DON'T SEE ANY—

Oh.

...OK, IT'S INCREDIBLY HOT.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE *NEVER...?*

Heh... PLEASE!

WHO WOULD I EVEN—

HOW ABOUT **MISS MATCH?**

DUDE! HAVING SEX WITH A VILLAIN?! ...THAT'S JUST...

MISS MATCH??

AND **ME?!**

CAP, WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR A LONG TIME...

YOU **JUMP** AT EVERY FIRE-RELATED EVENT IN THE CITY!

YOU'VE STOPPED MORE "SMOKERS" THAN THE PATCH.

OK.

I HAD A LITTLE CRUSH.

ONE TIME.

HE DOESN'T NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PSY-CHICK.

— BUT IT DOESN'T ***MATTER*** ANYMORE.

SHE'S WITH SOBEK-RA.

THE ***GOD?!***

A GOD-LIKE... PERSON.

STILL...

TO MANY PEOPLE, ***I'M*** GODLIKE.

BUT YOU'RE A ***GOOD BOY.*** AND SOME LADIES LIKE THE ***BAD BOYS.***

I CAN BE A BAD BOY.

I TOLD YOU... WEARING YOUR BOXERS ON THE OUTSIDE ***DOESN'T COUNT!***

I COULD BE A BAD BOY IF I *WANTED* TO.

Heh.

I CAN JUST SEE IT NOW...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE NEMESIS AWARD FOR *BAD BOY OF THE YEAR* GOES TO...

CAPTAIN HEROIC

TOILET SEAT UP. *WAY* UP.

COULDN'T TUCK THAT SHIRT IN IF YOU *TRIED*.

I HELD ON TO THESE, JUST LIKE YOU SAID, CAP.

THANKS FOR KEEPING 'EM WARM, DOLLFACE.

Snip snip snip snip snip snip

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I'D LIKE TO SAY...

I'm sorry.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA hee hee hee hee hee hee hee hee hee hee

SPEAKING OF THE NEMESIS AWARDS... HAVE WE FOUND OUT WHERE THEY'RE BEING HELD THIS YEAR?

NOT YET... I TOLD PHENOMENAL LASS TO PUT THE SQUEEZE ON A FEW SMALL-TIME MUSTACHE-TWIRLERS... BUT SO FAR— NOTHING.

PLEASE TELL ME YOU EXPLAINED WHAT YOU MEANT BY *"PUTTING THE SQUEEZE"* ON SOMEBODY...

SHE SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD, SO I HAD HER DEMONSTRATE ON ME.

...AND...?

SHE WAS WRONG.

EXQUISITE.

BUT WRONG.

AFTERWARDS, I CORRECTED HER.

BUT SHE STILL CAME UP EMPTY H-☆ SHE'S STILL GOT NO INFORMATION.

...AND WHAT THE HELL IS A "MUSTACHE TWIRLER"?!

SHE HAD AN INTERESTING TAKE ON *THAT*, TOO.

"WHEN I GOT TO THE ROTHCHILD ESTATE, I FOUND A BOUND BUTLER, AN EMPTIED SAFE, AND... **THE GIGGLER.**"

"...AND HER LITTLE DOG, TOO..."

Arf squeak Arf squeak

"SHE HAD GOTTEN NEARLY FOUR BLOCKS AWAY BY THE TIME I CAUGHT UP TO HER."

"I MANAGED TO GET HER INTO A HOLD, BUT SHE CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE..."

"SHE HAD BEEN SHAKING THOSE FIRM TITS AT ME ALL NIGHT, AND I HAD BEEN DYING TO..."

HONK

HONK

HONK HONK HONK

HONK HONK

WUP WUP WUP WUP WUP

HONK HONK HONK HONK HONK

IF WE COULD FIND OUT WHERE THEY HOLD THE NEMESIS AWARDS, WE COULD MAKE THE BIGGEST BUST OF OUR CAREERS!

SURE. BUT THEY HAVE SOME KIND OF SYSTEM THAT ENSURES ONLY VILLAINS FIND OUT THE TIME AND PLACE.

I'M AFRAID WE'RE STYMIED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

WELL... I PROMISE — WHEN I GET "BAD BOY OF THE YEAR," I'LL TIP YOU OFF.

Heh. I CAN'T WAIT.

Hey... MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE TO...

ARE YOU THINKING WHAT *I'M* THINKING?

I DOUBT IT.

I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IT MUST FEEL LIKE TO ***BANG*** A CLOWN.

WE DID ***NOT*** "BANG."

IT WAS MORE LIKE ***"BOINK."***

NO.

I THINK IT'S TIME YOU PULLED THE ***"BEARDED SPOCK!"***

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR KINKY EUPHEMISMS FOR ONE NIGHT.

NO, DOOFUS.

YOU GO ***ROGUE*** — BECOME A SUPER-VILLAIN.

IF YOU DO IT ***CONVINCINGLY***, YOU MIGHT GET AN INVITE TO THIS YEAR'S CEREMONY!

ME?? A **VILLAIN?!**

COME ON.

Y'NEVER WONDERED WHAT IT'D FEEL LIKE?

IT'D FEEL ***FUNNY...*** REALLY FUNNY.

AND I'D BE WORRIED I'D WANT TO DO IT AGAIN... AND *AGAIN...*

SO YOU ***DO*** KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BANG A CLOWN.

mmm-mmm
WINGMAN, I'VE GOT SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOU.
THIS!
I'VE GOT YOU WHERE I WANT YOU.
BANG! (me)

MEANWHILE... IN THE WAREHOUSE...

IRON DRAGON... WHERE *ARE* YOU?

DESI... IS THAT *YOU*?!

DESI!

Huh?! WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE?!

I HAVE A MEETING ON A BENEFITS PACKAGE FOR EMPLOYEES.

...and you??

Um... NOTHING.

WE WERE OUT OF COFFEE CREAMER IN THE BREAKROOM. I JUST THOUGHT...

YOU KNOW THE WAREHOUSE IS OFF-LIMITS TO OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

YOUR BEING HERE IS A SAFETY HAZARD!

I COULD WEAR A HARD HAT.

NOT *YOUR* SAFETY, DUM-DUM.

PSST

MEN

THERE YOU ARE!

YOU LOOK GREAT!

JUST LIKE THE REAL THING!

I NEED TO SEND MISS MATCH A PIC!

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

YOU'RE GOING TO PRETEND TO BE CAP AND BATTLE MISS MATCH.

IT'S FOR A NEMMIE AWARD.

THEY GIVE NEMMIES FOR IMPERSONATING HEROES??

NOT FOR *YOU*. FOR *HER!*

MEN

SO WHAT DO *I* GET OUT OF THIS, DESI?

GET OUT OF *THIS*, AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU GET OUT OF THIS.

WERE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT A -hng- BENEFITS PACKAGE?

YOU'VE GOT YOUR COCK IN IT.

WHO'S GONNA BELIEVE I COULD TURN EVIL?

HAPPENS ALL THE TIME!

AND IT'S ALWAYS THE TIGHTLY-WOUND ONES THAT SNAP.

HELL — WE'VE GOT A **POOL** GOING. EVERYONE PUT IN A HUNDRED BUCKS.

IF SOMEONE CHOOSES THE NEXT CAPE TO LOSE HIS MARBLES, THEY GET A COUPLE GRAND.

WHO DID **YOU** CHOOSE IN THE POOL?

I AM **NOT** TIGHTLY WOUND.

— I'M INTENSE.

INTENSE PEOPLE GRIND THEIR TEETH.

I CAN HEAR YOU **BLINK.**

YOU THINK I COULD PULL IT OFF? You know — REALLY **BE** EVIL?

LET'S FIND OUT. **THREATEN** ME.

OK. hmmmmmm LEMME THINK...

HOW 'BOUT...

YOU'LL **RUE THE DAY** YOU CROSSED MY PATH! **MWA-HA-HA-HA!**

"Mwa-ha-ha-ha"?

THAT'S HOW THEY TALK!

THEY'RE OBSESSED WITH MAKING PEOPLE RUE STUFF, AND THEY **MWA-HA** AND **BWA-HA** A LOT!

"I'VE NEVER HEARD A VILLAIN **BWA-HA** IN MY LIFE... EXCEPT MAYBE THE OLD GUYS LIKE **THE DREAD.**"

IF I WANT TO **BWA-HA,** I'M GONNA **BWA-HA**

HELL, I MAY DECIDE TO DO A FULL-ON **MOO-HOO-HOO-HA-HA!**

WELL... ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, YA GOT ME GOOD AND **RUE-ING.**

LATER... AT THE LEGION OF JUSTICE...
HI GUYS!
ARE YOU HERE TO HELP ME WITH MONITOR DUTY?
NOT TONIGHT, P.L.
COME ON, WINGMAN... THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING IN THE TROPHY ROOM I CAN USE TO START MY LIFE OF CRIME...
HEY! LOOK AT THIS!
DESTRUCTOR'S STUN GUN!
RAY GUN
DOES IT STILL WORK?
HEAT RAY
Oops!
WHAT TH-✲
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU...
I— I MEAN...
I DON'T HAVE THE WORDS TO EVEN...
...?
IT WORKS.
YOU THINK THAT'S FUNNY?! HOW ABOUT A LI'L TASTE OF...
...MICRO COSMOS' SHRINK RAY?
Eh... WHY DO I BOTHER?
I'M NOT GONNA HANG AROUND AND HELP YOU.
I'M GOING HOME.
AW, NUTS.
SHARK RAY
SHIRK RAY
SHRINK RAY

WINGMAN! SNAP OUT OF IT!
Whap
Huh?
HEY! WHAT'D YOU *HIT ME* WITH?!
plop
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S MELTING!
Oops.
WEAPO
ZIP
Whump
MR. SPOT'S PORTABLE HOLES
WINGMAN! ARE YOU OK?!
WHERE AM I? IT'S SO DARK DOWN HERE!
HOLD ON — DOES *THIS* HELP?
VOHM
Arrggh
WE HAVE *GOT* TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE.
SSSSSS
ZOMBIE QUEEN'S FLESHLIGHT
This hideous weapon stripped the very flesh from the bones of its hapless victims, and
WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?
LOOKS LIKE STORAGE.
...A BUNCH OF STUFF NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE FEATURED IN THE TROPHY ROOM...
COME ON. WE'RE WASTING TIME.
I CAN'T FLY. YOU SINGED MY WING.
NO WORRIES. I'LL PUSH THAT PILE OF GARBAGE OVER TO THE HOLE AND YOU CAN CLIMB OUT.
MR. THREAT'S TIME BOMB
HOLY CATS...

WOW! YOU ACTUALLY MAKE A PRETTY GOOD CAPTAIN HEROIC!
HE MAKES A PRETTY, BAD CAPTAIN HEROIC, TOO!
HERE'S THE PLAN: I'M GOING TO START TERRORIZING THE CITY AROUND TEN O'CLOCK.
YOU ARRIVE ON THE SCENE, AND YOU'RE ALL — "STOP, EVIL-DOER!" AND... "CRIME DOES NOT PAY!"
— THE WHOLE NINE YARDS!
DESI, YOU'LL BE RECORDING VIDEO.
WE'LL BATTLE HEAD-TO-HEAD FOR A FEW ROUNDS.
THEN, WHEN HE'S JUST ABOUT TO WIN, I CLOBBER HIM!
WAIT.
YOU WANT ME TO PARTICIPATE IN A FIXED FIGHT?
KRAKK
NO...
YOU WANT ME TO PARTICIPATE IN A FIXED FIGHT.
AFTER I DEFEAT THE FAKE CAPTAIN HEROIC, KEEP THE VIDEO RUNNING.
LIKE THIS?
Yeah. I'LL DELIVER AN EPIC SUPERVILLAIN MONOLOGUE!
OOH!
AND I CAN SHOOT YOU FROM A LOW ANGLE TO MAKE YOU LOOK ALL IMPOSING.
FINE, JUST ZOOM IN TIGHT SO MY ENTIRE FACE FILLS THE SCREEN.
Um.
YOU CAN HAVE LOW ANGLE OR FULL FACE.
Not both.
BUT... FOR THE RECORD... THAT'S PRETTY IMPOSING.

IS SHE GONE?

Yeah. SHE TOOK OFF.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE KNOCKED OUT.

I WAS.

BUT I WAS FAKING THE LAST FEW MINUTES — 'TIL I WAS CERTAIN SHE'D LEFT.

WE GOTTA GET YOU CLEANED UP!

MISS MATCH WILL BE EXPECTING YOU SOON!

DESI... ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN US, EARLIER TODAY...

I'M SORRY.

I KINDA HAVE AN "ALPHA MALE" FETISH.

...AND SEEING YOU ALL DRESSED UP LIKE CAPTAIN HEROIC JUST...

DID SOMETHING TO ME.

Oh...

SO... SEEING ME GET **WALLOPED** BY MISS MATCH MUST HAVE, um...

Heh...

TURNS OUT I HAVE A "BETA MALE" FETISH, TOO...

DESI!

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE GETTING READY FOR MY FAKE BATTLE WITH MISS MATCH!

oh, god.

WHEN YOU ***PLEAD***, IT KICKS MY "BETA MALE" FETISH INTO OVERDRIVE!

THEN **I COMMAND YOU** TO STOP!

Mmph

I FORGOT ABOUT YOUR "ALPHA MALE" THING!

I didn't forget about yours.

DESI! **NO!**

WHAT'S UP, DESI?

SMALL CHANGE IN PLANS.

EXPECT IRON DRAGON TO BE WEARING A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT COSTUME.

DO NOT ENTER
RESTROOM CLOSED FOR CLEANING

LUCKILY, I ACTUALLY MAKE THIS LOOK GOOD.

BUT WHEN I GET BACK, YOU AND I ARE GONNA SIT DOWN AND HAVE A LONG TALK ABOUT HOW THIS MADE ME FEEL.

IT'S LIKE THERE'S A ***CIVIL WAR*** IN MY PUSSY.

Oh, "CAPTAIN HEROIC!"
-giggle-
YOU CAUGHT ME IN THE ACT OF COMMITTING A DASTARDLY DEED!
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ME?
I AM TAKING YOU TO JAIL, WHERE YOU CAN BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.
HOW DO YOU PLEAD?
MEN
USUALLY BY SAYING STUFF LIKE...
harder. faster. deeper.
— AND MAKING LITTLE HIGH-PITCHED SQUEALS.
IF IT PLEASE THE COURT, I'LL MAKE A SWIFT MOTION TO DISCOVER.
ZZZZIP
AND, AFTER A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION...
WE CAN MOVE ON TO ORAL ARGUMENTS...
...SO YOU CAN FACE A JURY OF YOUR PEERS...

DESI, Lap I FIND YOU GUILTY... ...OF MAKING ME VERY HORNY. Lap Lap

squitch squitch

Oh. I CAN ONLY HOPE THERE'S A STIFF PENALTY...

Hhh Hhh Hhh

oh, god, right there

YOU CAN'T OUTRUN THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW.

-giggle- SUCH A LOOOONG ARM...

IT GIVES ME PLEASURE — PUTTING HARDENED CRIMINALS IN THE SLAMMER.

squirm

I'D RATHER YOU PUT A HARDENED HERO INTO THIS CRIMINAL.

...AND SLAM 'ER...

1-1-1-ZIIIP

don't don't tease...

rub rub rub

DON'T PULL OUT. I WANT YOU TO SHOOT YOUR HOT CUM DEEP IN MY PUSSY.

-Hh- -Hh-

PUMP ME FULL...

-Hh- -Hh-

-Hh- -Hh-

STOP.. STOP SAYING THAT. YOU'RE GONNA SEND ME... -UHNG- SEND ME... OVER..

groooan Hngh Hngh Hngh Hngh

WHUP WHUP WHUP

part part part

SLURP JUSTICE IS SERVED.

I'M LIKING YOU BETA EVEN BETTAH!

UNIT TWELVE... COME IN, UNIT TWELVE...

THIS IS TWELVE. GO AHEAD.

WE'VE GOT REPORTS OF A FIRE-STARTER SUPERVILLAIN, FEMALE, AT THIRD AND MAIN, HARASSING PASSER-BYS.

YOU MEAN *"PASSERS-BY,"* DISPATCH.

WHATEVER, UNIT TWELVE...

"DON'T BE SURPRISED WHEN THOSE WHO IGNORE THE RULES OF GRAMMAR ALSO IGNORE THE LAW. AFTER ALL, THE LAW IS JUST SO MUCH GRAMMAR."
— ROBERT BRAULT

POLICE

sigh CAN YOU JUST GO CHECK IT OUT?

I DON'T KNOW...

CAN I?

UNIT *FORTY-TWO,* YOU DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT?

?!

POL

DID YOU GET UNIT FORTY-TWO ON THE FIRE-STARTER SUPERVILLAIN CASE?

sigh NO. FORTY-TWO THINKS HIS RADIO IS TALKING TO HIM. Again.

CAN YOU PLAY "FREEBIRD"?

UNIT FORTY-TWO! THIS IS NOT YOUR RADIO TALKING!

THIS IS CHIEF BARNES! TALKING *ON* THE RADIO!

KSSSHHHHHHH

What. what just happened?

"WELL, HE THINKS HE TURNED OFF HIS POLICE RADIO, BUT HE ACTUALLY TURNED *ON* HIS MUSIC RADIO."

IF I LEAVE HERE TOMORROW, WOULD YOU STILL REMEMBER ME?

"Again."

POLICE

THANKS, CHIEF BARNES!

FROGGY-FM ONE-oh-ONE HAS THE PHRASE THAT PAYS!

YOU ACTUALLY ARGUED SEMANTICS WITH DISPATCH? *GENIUS!*

ROBERTSON WENT UP AGAINST ONE OF THOSE FIRE-STARTER VILLAINS LAST MONTH.

HIS GODDAMNED ASS LOOKED LIKE A WHOPPER.

DESI!
I'VE BEEN OUT HERE TERRORIZING THE CITY FOR A HALF-HOUR!
WHERE'S IRON DRAGON?
I'M SORRY, M.M.!
HE... um... GOT A LITTLE BEHIND...
MEN
Hhh
Hhh
Hhh
IS HE COMING SOON?
I THINK SO...
WELL... TELL HIM TO MOVE HIS ASS!
I DID! I DID!
ARE WE SURE WE'VE GOT DR. THREAT'S TIME BOMB INSTALLED CORRECTLY?
PRETTY SURE.
...AND THIS BUILDING IS SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION, RIGHT?
ALMOST POSITIVE.
ARE YOU CERTAIN OF ANYTHING?
YOU'RE DEFINITELY GETTING ON MY NERVES.
WHERE'D YOU GET THE NEW THREADS?
I HAD THIS COSTUME MADE A FEW YEARS AGO.
I HIRED A CONSULTANT WHO WANTED TO REBRAND ME INTO A GRITTY, BROODING HERO.
WHY DIDN'T YOU FOLLOW THROUGH?
RESERVED
I'M SORRY. HE'S GOT ALL OF 'EM BOOKED UP FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS...
GARGOYLE RENTAL
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE TURN THIS THING ON?
IT'S A TIME BOMB.
I GUESS IT COUNTS DOWN TO ZERO AND GOES "BOOM"...
YOU *GUESS??*
DR. THREAT WAS STOPPED BEFORE IT WENT OFF.
OK... THEN SET THE TIMER NICE AND HIGH.
I'VE NEVER BEEN A VILLAIN BEFORE. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT TAKES.

THE TIMER'S SET. READY TO MAKE YOUR SUPERVILLAIN DEBUT?

I THINK SO...

SIX HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE...

SIX HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT...

OK... TAKE OFF BEFORE SOMEONE SEES YOU.

I'LL START SHOUTING DEMANDS IN A FEW MINUTES.

I'VE CONTACTED THE REST OF JUSTICE INC.

THEY'RE IN ON THE RUSE.

AND PHENOMENAL LASS? WHEN YOU EXPLAINED IT TO HER, DID IT SINK IN?

I HOPE SHE DOESN'T SCREW THIS UP.

Oh, HOW COULD SHE POSSIBLY...

CALLING ALL CAPES!

THERE'S A SUPER-VILLAIN TERRORIZING THE CITY!

OK... SO SHE'S A LITTLE EARLY...

PHENOMENAL LASS... WE *TALKED* ABOUT THIS. REMEMBER?

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO *WAIT* UNTIL CAP STARTS TERRORIZING THE CITY...

...AND *THEN* SOUND THE ALARM!

BUT... IT'S *NOT* CAP! IT'S... MISS MATCH!

HEY! DID YOU HEAR...

...that...?

DESI! WHERE *IS* HE?!

HE — um — LEFT A WHILE AGO.

HE SHOULD BE THERE ANY MINUTE!

MEN

Hhh Hhh Hhh Hhh Hhh

DO NOT ENTER RESTROOM CLOSED FOR CLEANING

NEVERMIND. I SEE HIM!

YOU DO?!

DO YOU SEE... EVERYTHING?

ARE YOU UPSET??

HOW COULD I BE UPSET?!

HE'S GONNA GET HIS BUTT POUNDED BUT GOOD.

...

I'M GONNA HAVE TO HANG UP NOW, DESI.

IRON DRAGON'S COMING FAST!

...

HERE'S MY CHANCE TO CONVINCE MISS MATCH THAT I'M A SUPERVILLAIN!

CAPTAIN HEROIC!

MISS MATCH! I'M HERE TO HELP!

YOU CAN'T HELP ME, DO-GOODER... I'LL ALWAYS BE EVIL!

GOOD.

BECAUSE I'M A SUPERVILLAIN, TOO!

HOLD ON...

REMEMBER... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A GOOD GUY!

WOULD A GOOD GUY DO THIS...?

GOOD GOLLY, JIMMY...

PLEASE TELL ME YOU GOT THAT SHOT!

DID YOU FORGET?

I GOT LAID OFF THREE YEARS AGO. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO USE YOUR SMARTPHONE!

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Hero and villain spar over city

WHAT... WAS THAT?!?

IF YOU HAVE TO ASK, I MUSTA DONE IT WRONG.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO NEXT, RIGHT?

I'M FAIRLY CONFIDENT, YES...

sigh

WELL, GET READY, DRAGON.

OK...

wait...

"Dragon"?

Pff

GET ME SCREENGRABS OF THAT TWEET!

A WEEK LATER, AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION...

PSY-CHICK! HOW DOES IT FEEL TO WIN THE BEST SUPERVILLAINESS AWARD!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT HONOR!

AND THERE'S ONE PERSON I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT!

ME!

SLAM

PSY-CHICK! CAN WE GET A SHOT OF YOU WITH THE WINNER OF THE BEST NEWCOMER AWARD?

YES!

HOWCOME YOU DIDN'T TELL ME YOU WERE SWITCHING SIDES?

I — er — WANTED IT TO BE A... SURPRISE.

Are you mad?

MAD?! NO!

NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO HIDE OUR RELATIONSHIP ANY LONGER!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE VILLAIN PRESS...

I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT!

MEANWHILE...
AT JUSTICE INC...
WHY HASN'T HE CALLED?!
YOU KNOW THE PLAN.
CAP POSES AS A VILLAIN TO DISCOVER THE SECRET LOCATION OF THE NEMESIS AWARDS.
HE WILL PHONE IN WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR US TO MAKE OUR BUST!
IF HE HASN'T PHONED IN, IT MUST NOT BE THE RIGHT TIME.
IT'S THE RIGHT TIME.
REALLY?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU TWO BEEN "TEAMING UP"?
Why are you and Psy-Chick making your relationship public now?
DID SHE TURN YOU TO THE DARK SIDE?
WILL YOU BECOME A POWER COUPLE?
WHAT DO YOUR JUSTICE LTD. COLLEAGUES THINK?
Um.
THIS IS THE STUPIDEST IDEA WE EVER HAD.
EVIL WITNESS
NO FURTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.
WILL YOU BE HOLDING A FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE?
NO!
SO...
...YOU ARE TAKING FURTHER QUESTIONS?
NO!
YOU DO KNOW THESE ARE QUESTIONS, RIGHT?
WELL... THEY ARE, BUT...
VNN
SO, YOU'VE DECIDED AGAINST DISCONTINUING ANSWERING QUESTIONS?
Um...
Whew.
ALONE, AT LAST...

eeeeep

SLAM

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I'LL ASK THE QUESTIONS!

ARE YOU REALLY GOING ROGUE?!

I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BELIEVE MY ANSWER EITHER WAY.

DO YOU ...LOVE... PSY-CHICK?

WHY?

ANSWER THE QUESTION.

IT'S... COMPLICATED.

"IT DIDN'T LOOK COMPLICATED A FEW MINUTES AGO..."

"A KISS CAN MEAN A LOT OF THINGS."

LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT.

YES, LET'S TALK ABOUT KISSES!

LAST TIME I TRIED TO KISS YOU, YOU SMACKED ME THROUGH A BRICK WALL!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOMEONE ELSE!

SO DID I, FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS AFTER I WOKE UP.

POOR BABY.

I'M SURE PSY-CHICK WAS THERE TO MAKE IT ALL BETTER.

DOES...

DOES THAT BOTHER YOU?

NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST.

YOU'RE FREE TO DATE WHICHEVER CHEAP TRAMP YOU WANT.

REALLY?

WHAT ABOUT THE NOT-SO-CHEAP ONES...?

CAREFUL. LOTSA BRICK WALLS AROUND HERE.

HEY!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO PULLED ME INTO THE CLOSET.
WORST "SEVEN MINUTES IN HEAVEN" EVER.
WHAT...
WERE YOU REACHING FOR SOBEK-RA, AND MISSED?
THAT...
WAS A MISTAKE.
I SUPPOSE YOU TRIPPED AND FELL OUT OF YOUR CLOTHES ...AND INTO HIS BED?
NO.
I TRIPPED, GOT JEALOUS OF SEEING YOU AND PSY-CHICK TOGETHER, AND DID SOMETHING I REGRET.
PSY-CHICK AND I ARE... NOT... TOGETHER.
TRUTH IS... EVER SINCE THAT NIGHT... WITH THE GOO MONSTER...
I CAN'T GET MY MIND OFF YOU.
REALLY?
IS THAT WHY YOU TURNED VILLAIN?
NO.
I'M STILL A SUPERHERO.
THAT MAKES A RELATIONSHIP ...TRICKY.
Yeah.
COMPLICATED.
FORBIDDEN...
TABOO...

WHAT ARE WE *THINKING?!* WE CAN'T DO THIS.

YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS *CRAZY.*

WHAT IF *YOU...* BECOME A *HERO?*

Heh.

FAT CHANCE.

I GET A PENSION... COMPANY-MATCHED 401K... TIME-AND-A-HALF FOR OVERTIME... DOUBLE PAY FOR WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS... FULL DENTAL AND MEDICAL...

WHAT DO *YOU* GET?

YOU MEAN *BESIDES* THE CAPE?

Yeah. BESIDES THE CAPE.

THE CAPE IS A SYMBOL OF A PERSON STRIVING TO BE SOMETHING ...BETTER.

—ABOUT *BEING THERE* AT THE DARKEST HOUR TO PROTECT... *TO SERVE.*

IT MAY SEEM LIKE A SMALL THING, BUT THIS *CAPE...*

THIS CAPE... HAS TREMENDOUS MEANING — *MAGNIFICENT* IMPORTANCE...

AND *THAT,* MY FRIEND, IS WORTH SO MUCH MORE THAN —⁜

You get dental?!

IF BEING A HERO IS SO GREAT, WHY ARE YOU PRETENDING TO BE A VILLAIN?

Ummm. THAT WAS PART OF A CLEVER RUSE TO REVEAL THE LOCATION OF THE NEMMIE AWARDS.

SHOULD I EXPECT YOUR JUSTICE INC PALS TO CRASH OUR PARTY SOON?

AS SOON AS I TELL THEM WHERE WE ARE, YES.

AND WHERE... **ARE** WE?

ARE WE SURE WE'VE GOT DR. THREAT'S TIME BOMB INSTALLED CORRECTLY?

...?

Umm

NO.

ACTUALLY... YES.

WHICH *IS* IT?

ACCORDING TO THIS, IT ALREADY *WENT* OFF.

IMPOSSIBLE! THE *ONLY TIME* IT WAS USED WAS BY DR. THREAT.

AND HE WAS *THWARTED* BEFORE HE COULD *USE* IT.

IT WASN'T DETONATED *THEN.*

SO WHEN *DID IT* GO OFF?

CALLING ALL CAPES!

THERE'S A SUPER-VILLAIN TERRORIZING THE CITY!

"IT'S MISS MATCH!"

whuppa whuppa

WHOMP

slam

WHOOM

YOU THINK THAT'LL HOLD 'EM?

Oh... THEY'LL GET OUT. EVENTUALLY.

Funny... THEY'RE NOT EVEN TRYING.

AND NOW, MY SWEET...

SHOULDN'T WE DISCUSS MY... PAYMENT...?

whuppa whuppa whuppa whuppa

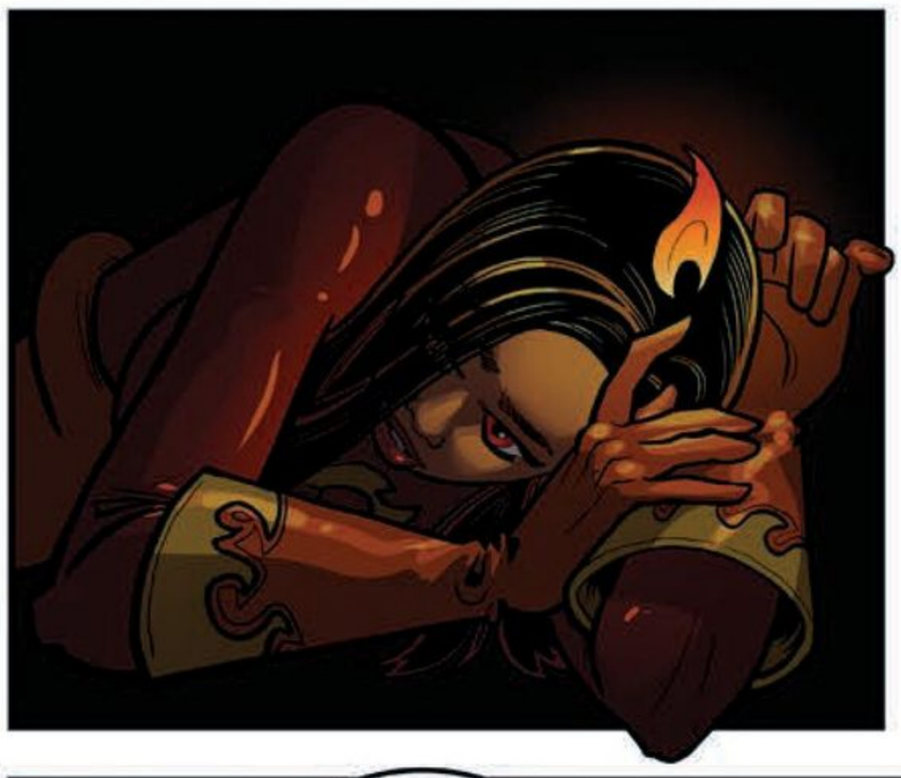
sigh

ALL RIGHT...

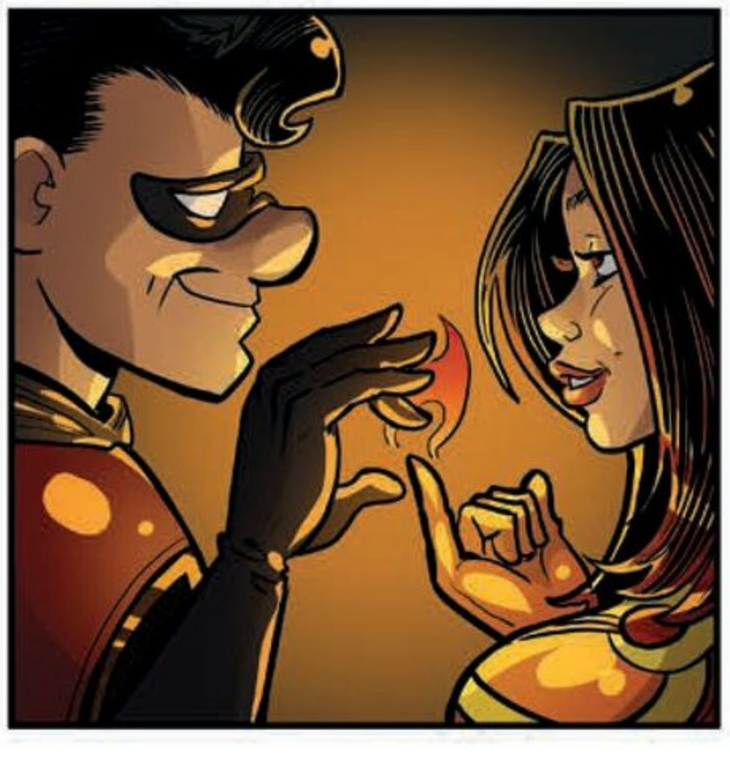
The itsy-bitsy spider...

went ≥ugh≤ up the water spout...

mooaaann



WORST "SEVEN MINUTES IN HEAVEN" EVER. Huh?
Heh.
Yeah.



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Best Nemeses

PROLOGUE

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Ba DOOP

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STICK 'EM UP.

ding ding ding

Ba DOOP

Ba DOOP

THIS IS A ROBBERY OPEN THE SAFE.

Ba DOOP

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Ba DOOP

DISPATCH, WE'RE COLLECTING WITNESS STATEMENTS RIGHT NOW...

THE *CUSTOMERS* ROBBED THE BANK?!

WELL... ONE PERSON HANDED THE TELLER A NOTE, AND ANOTHER TOOK BAGS TO THE VALILT, AND ANOTHER CARRIED THE LOADED BAGS OUT TO A CAR.

I'M TOLD YOU HANDED ***THE NOTE!***

DID ***NOT!***

BESIDES... IT'S NOT AGAINST THE LAW TO HAND A NOTE!

IN A ROBBERY, IT'S AIDING AND ABETTING.

AND I'M A-BETTIN' WE GOT YOU ON CAMERA!

Ba DOOP

Hello, I am AIDEN

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UNIT FORTY-TWO, BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN ORANGE HYUNDAI ACCENT.

DO YOU SEE IT?

Uhhhhhh, NEGATIVE, DISPATCH.

FORTY-TWO: IS THIS ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION WITH A SUPER-VILLAIN?

VOOM

POLICE

NO, SIR!

BECAUSE JENKINS ***SURVIVED*** THAT RUN-IN WITH MISTER HYPNO.

HE'S ALREADY BACK ON THE JOB AS OF MONDAY!

CHIEF, HE THINKS HE'S A BORDER COLLIE NAMED REX.

HE'S ALREADY SNIFFED OUT TWENTY KILOS OF COCAINE, AND IT'S ONLY TUESDAY!

JUST KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THAT HYUNDAI, WILL YA?!

TEN-FOUR, CHIEF.

Ba DOOP

WHERE'S CAPTAIN HEROIC?!

HE'S ON CITY PATROL TODAY. WHY?

THERE WAS A BANK ROBBERY — AND NO ONE AROUND TO STOP IT!

THE MAYOR'S ALREADY THREATENING TO PULL OUR CONTRACT!

CAN THEY *DO* THAT?!

THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST CITIES TO AWARD A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR SUPERHEROICS AS A MUNICIPAL SERVICE!

YOU LIKE YOUR PAYCHECKS? YOUR RETIREMENT? ...BENEFITS?

...TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR SPANDEX CLEANING AND REPAIR?

"I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE DON'T GET DENTAL."

"TALK TO MONSTER MAN."

I BELIEVE YOU CAN CHANNEL THE POWER OF *ALMOST* ANY MONSTER.

BUT, COME *ON*...

GODZILLA?!

IT'S NOT LIKE CAP TO IGNORE CRIME WHEN HE'S ON PATROL.

MAYBE HE'S HURT.

...OR MAYBE HE'S BEEN LURED INTO A TRAP!

HECK. MAYBE HE'S IN DISGUISE, INFILTRATING THE GANG THAT PULLED THE BANK JOB.

Y'KNOW... THAT'S ABOUT THE ONLY EXCUSE I'D ACCEPT FROM CAP RIGHT NOW...

"HE'D DARNED-WELL *BETTER* BE UNDERCOVER."

A FEW DAYS LATER...
ARE YOU OK?
I FEEL FINE. WHY DO YOU ASK?
IT WAS JUST... EASIER TO BEAT YOU THAN USUAL.
DON'T RUB IT IN.
NO... SERIOUSLY. YOUR HEAD WAS NOT IN IT TODAY.
Sheesh. I GET IT. I SUCK AT RACQUETBALL.
WHAT IS THAT?!
OK.
I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN YOU WERE INSULTING MY GAME.
IT'S LIKE A FARMER'S TAN.
BUT OPPOSITE.
DUDE.
STOP LOOKING AT MY JUNK!
HOW DO YOU GET SUNBURNED THERE AND NOWHERE ELSE?!
I'M HITTING THE SHOWERS.
GREAT GOOSE-FEATHERS!
YOU'RE BANGING MISS MATCH!
sigh
MY MAN, CAP!
...GETTIN' A LITTLE STRANGE!
IT'S NOT THAT ODD FOR ME TO SLEEP WITH SOMEONE.
NO...
NOT AS IN: "THIS SITUATION IS GETTING A LITTLE STRANGE."
MORE LIKE...
"YOU ARE getting A LITTLE STRANGE."
THAT'S A BIZARRE EUPHEMISM FOR "HAVING SEX."
WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?
"NO IDEA."
THAT'S WHAT'CHA GET.

HOLD ON.
THIS THING WITH MISS MATCH... IS IT SERIOUS?
IT'S... COMPLICATED.
CAP.
YOU CAN'T HAVE AN ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH A VILLAIN.
YOU CAN'T.
"WHAT ABOUT YOU AND THE GIGGLER?"
SHE'S GOT IT GOIN' ON, BUT WE AIN'T "ONGOING."
LISTEN.
IN A RELATIONSHIP, YOU INTRODUCE HER TO YOUR FRIENDS... YOU TEXT MORE THAN "TIME AND PLACE" WITH DIRTY EMOJIS.
YOU OPEN UP ABOUT THE REAL YOU... SHARE GOALS FOR THE FUTURE.
YOU TWO DON'T DISCUSS FUTURE GOALS?
"PERHAPS ONCE OR TWICE..."
MAYBE NEXT TIME WE COULD TURN THE STUFFED ANIMALS TOWARDS THE WALL.
...AND POSSIBLY REPLACE THE MIRROR OVER THE BED WITH ONE THAT DIDN'T COME FROM A FUNHOUSE?
ARE YOU FORGETTING ABOUT THE CRIMSON GHOST?
Yeah! WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THAT GUY?
"HE WAS ONE OF THE TOP HEROES OF THE SILVER AGE."
BAM!
"HE FELL IN LOVE WITH MOON MAIDEN... A B-LIST BADDIE FROM BALTIMORE."
THEY TRIED TO KEEP THEIR RELATIONSHIP SECRET, BUT EVENTUALLY THE TRUTH COMES OUT.
BECAUSE IT ALWAYS DOES.
"HE WAS KICKED OUT OF THE SILVER SQUADRON. SHE WAS SIMILARLY SHUNNED BY SUPER VILLAINS."
THEY BOTH DISAPPEARED. NOBODY KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE TODAY.

AAAAARRRGGGHHHHH!

THEA! WHAT'S THE MATTER?!

THIS!

Yeah. AS SOON AS THE NEW iPHONES COME OUT. THE OLD ONES STOP WORKING RIGHT. IT'S ONE OF THE GREAT UNSOLVED MYSTERIES.

NOT THE PHONE, YOU CANTILEVERED CUPCAKE...

THIS!

gofiendme

THE *GO-FIEND-ME* APP CROWDSOURCES HENCHES!

"USING THIS, ANYONE CAN ACCEPT A TASK TO COMPLETE FOR A SUPERVILLAIN AT ANY TIME."

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Hello, I am AIDEN

ALL OF THE TASKS TOGETHER FORM A CAPER.

BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY MICRO-HENCHES TO CATCH.

THEA RAUTMAN

AND SINCE THEY'RE ALL CIVILIANS, THEY CAN DISAPPEAR INTO A CROWD.

IF THEY *DO* GET CAUGHT, THE PART THEY PLAYED IN THE CRIME IS REALLY TRIVIAL.

THIS IS HORRIBLE

...MY USERNAME IS ALREADY TAKEN!

THAT...

AND *OUR* HENCHPERSON-ALLOCATION SERVICE IS NOW OBSOLETE.

HENCH ALLOCATION IS SPURLOCK'S DEPARTMENT.
WHERE IS HE?
HE'S ON VACATION.
"IMAGINE. HE'S OUT THERE, LIVING IT UP WHILE HIS ENTIRE DEPARTMENT IS CRUMBLING."
BETRAYED!
THIS ISN'T THE CRACKER BARREL!
COME ON, DAD...
I DON'T NEED A NURSING HOME!
DAD.
YOU KEEP FORGETTING TO KEEP YOUR DARK SECRET A SECRET!
AT THIS POINT, IT'S DARK COMMON KNOWLEDGE.
POO.
"ALTHOUGH IT WOULD EXPLAIN THOSE GIRL SCOUTS."
THOSE WERE THE WORST-TASTING THIN MINTS EVER.
YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO LIKE IT HERE, DAD. TREMBLING HILLS CATERS TO THE PARANORMAL COMMUNITY.
I MET MR. HOWELL DURING MY INITIAL VISIT.
HE'S A WEREWOLF.
LUCKY STIFF!
HE STILL HAS ALL HIS HAIR!
HMPH!
THEY'VE GOT WITCHES, GOBLINS, ZOMBIES...
IT'LL BE JUST LIKE LIVING IN THE OLD COUNTRY.
YOUR SON IS RIGHT. THIS IS A VERY GOOD FACILITY.
SEE?!
IT EVEN HAS GHOSTS! YOU LOVE POLTERGEISTS!
WE'RE NEXT ON THE WAITING LIST. AS SOON AS A ROOM OPENS UP, YOU CAN MOVE IN.
Um.
A ROOM JUST OPENED UP.
ARE YOU SURE?
POSITIVE.

RING RING
HELLO?
SPURLOCK... IS THERE ANY CHANCE YOU COULD CUT YOUR VACATION SHORT?
I WISH.
I'M MOVING MY FATHER INTO A NURSING HOME, AND HE'S NOT HAVING IT.

"NOT YET, AT LEAST..."
LOOK AT THE TATTOOS ON *THAT* ONE!
THAT'S THE WICKED WITCH OF THE SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST.
SHE'S GOT AN INTERACTIVE-FILM WEBSITE.

WHAT MAKES IT "INTERACTIVE"?
SHE DOES.
WE'VE GOT A RECREATION HALL... BUS TRIPS...
...AND OF COURSE, A REGULAR POKER NIGHT.
NOBODY PLAYS HIGH-STAKES GAMES LIKE PROFESSOR VanHELSING.

"TELL ME ABOUT IT."

SOMEONE NEEDS TO FIND OUT WHO IS BEHIND THE *GO-FIEND-ME* APP... THEN SHUT THEM DOWN.
I'LL CHECK SPURLOCK'S ROLODEX.

ROLODEX?!
THERE *HAS* TO BE A BETTER WAY!
THERE IS.
YOU'RE SHUTTING IT DOWN, REMEMBER?

NO.
YOU'RE SHUTTING IT DOWN.
ME?!
NO WAY!

ONE TIME, A CLIENT WAS BEHIND ON THEIR *DEMONIC SERVICES* AGREEMENT...

"WE SENT IT IN TO *COLLECTIONS*. DESI WAS OFF SICK, SO I SIGNED THE RELEASE."
I'M BEING REPOSSESSED?!
I MEAN... I'M A *LITTLE* BEHIND ON MY CHANTING...
YOU'RE BEHIND *THREE MONTHS*!
YOU GOTTA PRAY ON TIME.
101 WAYS to INSULT a Priest
Pea Soup

"FOR *MONTHS* AFTERWARDS, DESI SENT SOULS OF THE DAMNED TO OCCUPY RANDOM STUFF IN MY APARTMENT."
ARGH
Whaddaya expect from someone who never flosses?

WAIT. DID YOU SAY DESI SENT SOULS OF THE DAMNED TO POSSESS YOUR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS?!

"WELL..."

HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?!

sigh Not again...

LIGHTNING LADY?! IS THAT YOU??

YOU KNOW— er— KNEW ME?

Yeah! IT'S ME— CHULO!

...FROM THE GANG OF HENCHMEN YOU USED ON THAT EXPEDITION TO THE HAUNTED MAYAN TEMPLE.

I DIED IN A SCORPION SWARM, REMEMBER?

LUXURY! TRY FALLING DOWN A TWENTY-FOOT RAT-INFESTED PIT.

ENRIQUE! IS THAT YOU?!

CHET! MANNY! DIEGO!

IS THE WHOLE GANG HERE?

EVERYONE BUT MATEO.

MAYBE HE PULLED THROUGH!

I'M REALLY SORRY YOU ALL DIED... IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN MAKE IT UP TO YOU?

-Hh- -Hh- -Hh-

click

Bzzzzzzzz

sliide sliide

mmmmmmmmmm

Ring Ring

NICE JOB, MATEO...

-Hh- -Hh- -Hh-

ARE ALL OF YOUR CAPES THIS WARM?

Nah. THAT'S A CAPE I HAD MADE WHEN SERIAL CHILLER WAS WORKING THE CITY.

Oh, yeah! I REMEMBER PUTTING TOGETHER A STRATEGY FOR HER PUSH TO SEIZE A WEAPONS CACHE FROM SPECTRE R&D.

SHE USED AN ICE LUGE TO GET WEAPONS FROM THE TOP FLOOR TO WAITING TRUCKS BELOW.

THAT WAS MY IDEA!

AS SHE MADE HER ESCAPE, SHE SAID I WAS JEALOUS BECAUSE I CAUGHT HER GETTING A "HOT PIECE ON THE SLIDE."

YEAH. "HOT PIECE" STOOD FOR "STOLEN GUN," AND THE LUGE WAS A SLIDE.

PLUS... IT WAS DRIPPING WITH SEXUAL INNUENDO.

IT WORKED ON SEVERAL LAYERS.

NO OFFENSE... BUT IT KINDA STUNK.

"SUIT YOURSELF. NEXT TIME, I'LL LET HER USE HER OWN MATERIAL."

...AND THEN I'LL SAY, "CHILL OUT, DUDE!"

Again...?

NO! LAST TIME IT WAS "TAKE A CHILL PILL, DUDE!"

I DIDN'T REALIZE ALL THOSE LAME SUPERVILLAIN QUIPS WERE PRE-WRITTEN!

"WELL, SOMETIMES THEY ARE. ... PULLING A NEFARIOUS SCHEME CAN GET PRETTY COMPLICATED."

THAT'S WHEN THE SHARKS SHOOT LASERS?

No, no, no. NOT UNTIL THE CURSE TURNS EVERYONE INTO MONKEYS.

"SO WE PREPARE A FEW ALL-PURPOSE TAUNTS AND GLOATS THE CLIENT CAN MEMORIZE."

WHEN HE FALLS THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR, YOU SAY: "SO NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN." BUT PUT A LONG PAUSE BEFORE "DROP."—THEY HATE THAT.

"AFTER ALL, IF A VILLAIN GETS DISTRACTED TRYING TO COME UP WITH A SALTY ZINGER, THINGS CAN GO SOUTH QUICKLY."

I'VE ALMOST GOT IT. IT'S DEFINITELY GOING TO BE A SNIDE COMMENT ABOUT YOUR STUPID BOOTS...

Oh... COME ON!

IT CAN'T BE THAT HARD TO THINK OF SOMETHING ORIGINAL TO SAY WHILE YOU'RE DISTRACTED!

Curses. foiled again.

LET'S GO INSIDE.
WHY?
THIS IS THE HIGHEST BUILDING IN THE AREA... FACING AWAY FROM THE CITY.
NO ONE CAN SEE US.
THAT'S WHY I **BOUGHT** THIS PLACE.
THAT... AND THE CONDO FEES ARE "I AGREE NOT TO TORCH THE PLACE."
ARE YOU... SERIOUS?
DOES IT MATTER?
...maybe.
CAP. WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THAT TALK WHERE YOU TRY TO **CHANGE ME** AGAIN, ARE WE?
NO. ...BUT IT WOULD BE SO MUCH EASIER IF YOU **CONVERTED.**
sigh
YOU JUST LOST ME FIFTY BUCKS.
YOU HAD A **BET** GOING?
...ON OUR **RELATIONSHIP?**
=Ugh= I SAW THIS COMING FROM A MILE AWAY!
waitaminit. **WHO** DID YOU TELL ABOUT **US?!?**
Funny. **THAT ONE** KINDA SNUCK UP ON ME.
YOU **HAD** TO HAVE KNOWN WE HAVE TO KEEP THIS A SECRET!
I'M SORRY! IT SLIPPED OUT!
I COULD LOSE MY JOB OVER THIS!
SEZ WHO?!
WINGMAN, FOR ONE. HE TOLD ME THIS WHOLE STORY ABOUT A SILVER AGE HERO-VILLAIN ROMANCE..
Hold on.
HOW DOES **Wingman** KNOW ABOUT US?!
Come on. WE CAN TRUST WINGMAN.
WHY?!
BECAUSE HE'S A HERO?
...
DO YOU THINK ***I'M*** UNTRUSTWORTHY BECAUSE OF WHAT I DO?
OF COURSE NOT.
BUT EVERYONE I WORK WITH DOES.

MEANWHILE...

THERE'S ROOM FOR ONE MORE...

NO, THANKS. I'LL WAIT.

Grrrrr

HEY THERE, LI'L FELLA!

WHAT ARE **YOU** DOING HERE?

Heh!

YOU SEEM TO BE IN A HURRY TO GET OUTTA HERE!

Arf Arf Arf Arf Arf Arf Arf Arf Arf

I AM.

...AND IF YOU HAD THE **BRAINS** TO MATCH YOUR **CUP SIZE**, YOU'D DO THE SAME.

DID YOU SEE A DOG RUNNING THROUGH HERE?

Um... NOPE.

NO MATTER... WHAT BRINGS YOU TO MY OFFICE?

I NEED YOUR HELP.

A NEW APP START-UP IS STEALING BUSINESS FROM US.

I NEED TO FIND OUT WHO'S BEHIND IT AND STOP THEM.

I CAN HELP YOU FIND THEM...

...BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO STOP THEM?

LEAVE THAT TO ME.

I CAN BE **VERY** PERSUASIVE.

THAT'S TRUE.

I REMEMBER HOW YOU PERSUADED THAT GUY RIGHT THROUGH A PLATE-GLASS WINDOW LAST WEEK.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND THE PERSON BEHIND GO-FIEND-ME?

EASY...

ALL OF THESE START-UPS NEED THE SAME THING...

VENTURE CAPITAL.

...AND LOADS OF IT.

WE'LL DISGUISE YOU AS AN ANGEL INVESTOR. IF YOU DANGLE A COUPLE MILLION BUCKS...

THEY'LL COME LOOKING FOR YOU.

WHERE AM I GONNA GET THAT KINDA CASH?!

ONE GOOD JEWEL HEIST OUGHTA DO IT.

GIVE SPURLOCK A CALL. HE'LL SET UP A TEAM OF HENCHES, AND...

HE'S ON VACATION.

...AND MOST OF HIS HENCHES HAVE MOVED OVER TO GO-FIEND-ME.

Oh.

Mm.

WINTHROP...

DID YOU HEAR A "BA-DOOP," WINTHROP?

NO, MADAM...

HEY, MUSKIDAY... WHAT'S THIS?

IT SAYS "SHARED RAID."

Ooh!

THERE'S ANOTHER VILLAIN PLANNING A CRIME IN THE SAME AREA.

IF WE SHARE HENCHES, WE CAN CUT COSTS!

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!

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THIS HAS TO BE AT THE NEXT CHECKPOINT BY FIVE O'CLOCK.

CAN YOU MANAGE?

OF COURSE.

YOU'D BETTER HURRY. IT'S ALREADY...

...um...

Ba DOOP

MAKING YOUR WAY IN THE WORLD TODAY TAKES EVERYTHING YOU 'VE GOT...
Auntie

TAKING A BREAK FROM ALL YOUR WORRIES SURE WOULD HELP A LOT...
Virgil's Auntie
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO GET AWAY?

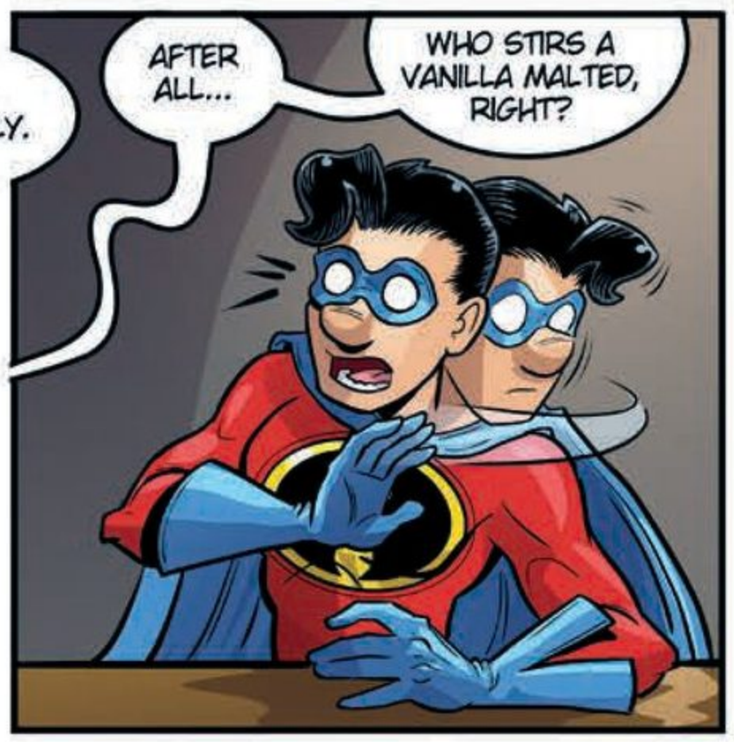
CREEEAK
SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA GO...

WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR ALTER EGO.
WHOOM

Hiya, CAP. WHAT'LL IT BE? — THE USUAL?
SURE, PHIL.

I DON'T EVEN WANNA KNOW WHAT HE CONSIDERS UNUSUAL.

I'LL JUST GET YOU WHAT YOU HAD LAST TIME.
SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED. — CORRECT?
YES. DEFINITELY.


AFTER ALL...
WHO STIRS A VANILLA MALTED, RIGHT?

...you?

YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE.

DID WINGMAN PUT YOU UP TO THIS?

Heh.

NO. HE DIDN'T.

WELL, I CAN SAVE YOU SOME TIME.

WE BROKE UP.

I'M NOT GOING TO DATE A VILLAIN.

NOT GONNA BETRAY THE CAPE.

NOT GONNA LOSE MY JOB...

I APPRECIATE YOU GOT ALL DRESSED-UP AS MY OWN, PERSONAL "GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST."

BUT IT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING.

I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE YOU DID.

Ah, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, KID.

YOU'RE MAKING **EXACTLY** THE SAME MISTAKE I DID.

Waitaminit. ***YOU*** FELL IN LOVE WITH A SUPERVILLAIN AND GOT KICKED OUT OF THE LEGION!

I'M NOT DOING **THAT.**

Heh. IS THAT WHAT THEY TOLD YOU?

Bah.

"HEROES."

"Yeah. MOON MAIDEN AND I FELL IN LOVE."

"...AND — JUST LIKE YOU — I DIDN'T THINK A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A HERO AND A VILLAIN COULD EVER WORK OUT."

"SO I BROKE IT OFF WITH HER."

"IT WRECKED ME. SHOWED UP IN MY WORK. I WASN'T A VERY *GOOD* HERO ANYMORE."

"THEY DIDN'T FIRE ME. I ***QUIT.***"

AND THAT'S ***EXACTLY*** WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO YOU.

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? I CAN'T KEEP SEEING HER.

I COULD LOSE MY JOB!

IF YOU DON'T AT LEAST TRY, YOU COULD LOSE EVERYTHING.

JUST BECAUSE YOU LOST YOUR EDGE DOESN'T MEAN I'M GONNA —※

KISSHH

Hmm. MAYBE.

sigh

WHAT AM I GONNA DO?

YOU'RE A GODDAMNED SUPERHERO, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD! WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN A BUILDING IS ON FIRE AND THERE'S A KID TRAPPED AT THE TOP?!

I TELL HIM TO JUMP AND I'LL C...※

KISSHH

NOW CUT THAT OUT!

WHEN YOU'VE GOT A KID AT THE TOP OF A BURNING BUILDING, YOU DO WHATEVER IT TAKES.

CAN'T CATCH HIM? FINE. DOUSE THE FIRE WITH WATER.

NO WATER?

BLOW IT OUT.

Virgil's Au rie

CAN'T BLOW IT OUT? SMOTHER IT WITH SAND.

OR CREATE A VACUUM.

OR FLY UP THERE AND GRAB HIM!

YOU PUT YOUR CAPE ON STRAIGHT AND YOU KEEP TRYING SOMETHING UNTIL YOU FIND. A. WAY.

HEY! WHO'S THROWING GLASSES?!

HE DID IT.

SNARL

IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL "FINDING A WAY"?

NOW TO CREATE A VACUUM...

EXCUSE ME. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR OVER TEN MINUTES.
I ALREADY LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE HERE.
NO. IT'S NOT THAT.
YOU HAVEN'T OFFERED ME A SOFT DRINK.
AND YOUR MAGAZINES ARE OUT OF DATE.
AND THIS ELEVATOR MUSIC! Ugh.
WHAT ARE YOU — SOME KIND OF RECEPTION EXPERT?!
AS A MATTER OF FACT...
she is.
MARQUIS!
YOU GOT A JOB HERE?!
ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED?
NOT IF YOU CAN INTRODUCE ME TO THE CEO.
I CAN'T DO THAT.
Damn.
BUT SHE CAN.
MEET THE C-E-
oh.
HOLD ALL MY CALLS, JANICE...
WHY DIDN'T YOU *CALL ME?*
I THOUGHT WE HAD A GOOD *FIRST DATE!*
WE DID. IT WAS *AMAZING.*
BUT THEN *THIS* HAPPENED. AND I DIDN'T HAVE *TIME* FOR A RELATIONSHIP.
AFTER YOU *CLOSE DOWN* THE COMPANY, MAYBE WE CAN... *START UP* AGAIN?
Close down—?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK WE'RE CLOSING DOWN?
I GOT A PERSONAL MEETING WITH THE CEO BY OFFERING TO INVEST A COUPLE THOUSAND BUCKS AND A POCKET-WATCH.
THAT REMINDS ME: THE BOARD WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT OFFER INCLUDED THE CHAIN.
CLOSE GoFiendMe TODAY. I'LL GET YOU A MANAGEMENT POSITION AT EVIL INC.
And...
YOU AND I CAN PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF...
Oh yeah? WHERE'D WE LEAVE OFF?
Oh. WE WERE JUST GETTING TO THE *GOOD* PART.
...AND IF YOU'D LIKE TO *KEEP* THE PART GOOD...

UNFORTUNATELY. MY ANSWER HAS TO BE NO.

WHAT?!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT WAS HARD BUILDING THIS START-UP!

I'VE HAD TECHNICAL CHALLENGES... LABOR ISSUES... TAX REQUIREMENTS... AND LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARES.

I'VE ALREADY FOUGHT A DOZEN LEGAL BATTLES...

AND THERE ARE A DOZEN MORE TO COME!

IT'S GONNA BE YEARS BEFORE I SEE A PROFIT.

UNTIL THEN, I'M SURVIVING ON RAMEN NOODLES AND COFFEE!

THEN WHY ARE YOU DOING THS?

I... I LOST MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT.

DID YOU HAVE SAUSAGE FOR BREAKFAST?

Oooooooh.

I REMEMBER SAUSAGE...

sniff sniff sniff

AND BREAKFAST...

IF THIS START-UP IS PUTTING YOU THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE, THEN JUST QUIT.

I KNOW I CAN TALK THEA INTO FINDING YOU A JOB IN MANAGEMENT AT EVIL INC.

YOU'LL GET A SALARY... BENEFITS... A PENSION... BENEFITS...

YOU SAID "BENEFITS" TWICE.

THERE ARE BENEFITS AND THEN THERE ARE BENEFITS.

I... CAN'T...

IF I BACK DOWN NOW, I'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...

YEARS SPENT WONDERING WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN.

...AND IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL REGRET IT FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE...

BUT IT'LL ONLY BE FOR A FEW MINUTES.

DID YOU THINK ABOUT WHAT I SAID?

Yeah.

GOOD. IF JUSTICE INC FOUND OUT, THEY'D FIRE YOU IN A HEART-BEAT.

WONKT

PLUS... YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO HAVE A REAL RELATIONSHIP IN THIS GIG.

SNAP

WHAT HAPPENS IF THINGS GO SOUR?

CHOMP

I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT.

I'M NOT GONNA PURSUE A RELATIONSHIP WITH MISS MATCH.

AN EX-GIRLFRIEND IS BAD ENOUGH. ADD SUPERPOWERS TO THAT...?

NOW YOU'VE GOT A BROKEN HEART WITH A HEAD TO MATCH.

NNNGH!

Yeah. HAVING AN AFFAIR WITH A VILLAIN IS JUST TOO DANGEROUS.

KRAKK

THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYIN'!

YOU'RE PUTTING EVERYTHING ON THE LINE!

BAM

I KNOW! IT'S A CRAZY RISK TO TAKE!

OOF!

WHY JEOPARDIZE YOUR ENTIRE FUTURE?

RRRAACHH

SO... I'M THINKIN' MAYBE IF I LET THIS PLANT MONSTER EAT ME...

MAYBE I CAN DESTROY IT FROM THE INSIDE.

Feh. GIVE IT A SHOT. IT MIGHT WORK...

THE FOLLOWING WEEK...

MARQUIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING H-☒

CELEBRATING!

THANKS TO YOU, EVIL INC BOUGHT ME OUT!

HERE'S THE CHECK.

WOW! THE LAST TIME I SAW *THAT MANY* ZEROES, I WAS AT A *FLAT EARTH RALLY!*

AND THIS IS ONLY THE *FIRST* CHECK!

THEY SAID THEY *RAN OUTTA ROOM* FOR ALL THE ZEROES...

THEY GOTTA CUT A *SECOND* CHECK WITH *THE REST* OF THE ZEROES!

HOLD ON.

THE SECOND CHECK IS *ALL ZEROES?*

YEAH, BABY!

SMAK

Ahhh. THERE IT IS.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID THAT ACCEPTING THE BUYOUT WOULD LEAVE YOU WONDERING WHAT *MIGHT HAVE BEEN.*

"IT DID..."

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE TOP SPEED YOUR LAMBORGHINI REACHED?

I WAS JUST *WONDERING* THAT...

AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO ☒UNGH☒ YOU!

WELL, THE SOONER YOU GET THAT BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE OPEN...

...THE SOONER YOU CAN DRINK IT OUT OF MY CUPS.

THB THB

YOU MEAN "FLUTES." Hngh

I KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT *BOOZE* TO KNOW THEY'RE NOT "CUPS."

AND *I* KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT *BOOBS* TO KNOW I DON'T WEAR A *"D-FLUTE."*

MMPH HMP☒

POP

THERE IT IS.

AND SHORTLY...

YOU DECIDED ON THE FLUTES AFTER ALL...

WELL, yeah...

YOU ONLY HAD THE *ONE BOTTLE.*

TOODLE TOODLE TOOT

errr. EXCUSE ME.

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Messages

Carrier 11:00PM 100%

Back (3)

Bridgette

Where r u? I've been thinking about u.

OK

Carrier 11:00PM 100%

Back (3)

Autumn

I want you. Tonight.

OK

Carrier 11:00PM 100%

Back (3)

Ella

We met at the club last night.

You're hot. I want to talk some more.

Well... not TALK...

OK

EITHER YOU'VE ACQUIRED *THE POWER OF LEVITATION...*

OR THOSE ARE SOME *AMAZING* TEXTS.

I'M SORRY! SOMETHING'S COME UP!

TELL ME ABOUT IT!

IT'S JUST THAT...

YOU SHOULD BE *ASHAMED!*

poof

LIGHTNING LADY IS THE REASON YOU'RE FILTHY RICH!

SHE LIKED YOU WHEN YOU WERE A *NOBODY!*

PLUS, SHE'S FREAKING *HAWT!*

DON'T BE SO SURPRISED.

I'M AN ANGEL — NOT A PRIEST!

poof

YOU'RE A MORON.

DO YOU KNOW IF ANY ONE OF THOSE OTHER TARTS ARE AS GOOD?

NO.

BUT THERE'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!

poof

ONE WAY?!

THERE'S *WAY* MORE THAN THAT!

KAMA SUTRA

poof

THAT DOESN'T EVEN INCLUDE GROUPS!

COMBINATIONS!

SPREAD OUT, YOU GOONS! YOU'RE GONNA TIP HIM!

VRRRROOOOM

SLAM
huff huff huff
WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE *THAT*?!
HE LEFT HER SO FAST HE FORGOT ABOUT *US!*
AND I HAD *SUCH PLANS* FOR TONIGHT!
SLAM
ME, TOO.
Ngh Ngh Ngh Ngh Ngh Ngh
CHARMED, I'M SURE...
SO, I WAS THINKING MAYBE YOU AND I CAN FIND A COZY PLACE TO GET A CUP OF COFFEE AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER —※
better.
slurp gulp
SORRY. THERE ARE SOME REALLY HOT SAILORS IN HERE.
A SAILOR'S GUIDE TO KNOTS
SHIKKA SHIKKA SHIKKA
"QUARTERMASTER"? MORE LIKE A *"ROLL OF QUARTERS MASTER,"* AMIRITE?
A SAILOR'S GU... TO KNO...
SHIKKA SHIKKA SHIKKA
Rheh neh neh neh
...Guys?
Ungh Ungh
Ngh
Ahhh
gulp
Ungh Ungh
Hngh
LOOK AT THEM.
THEY SHOULD BE ASHAMED. RIGHT?
...right?!
Hhh Hhh Hhh Hhh

Y'KNOW... IN RETROSPECT, MAYBE GETTING EATEN BY A GIANT PLANT MONSTER...

...AND TRYING TO FIGHT YOUR WAY OUT WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA...

DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO GET OUT GRASS STAINS?!

EVERY TIME I LOOK DOWN I THINK OF THE INCREDIBLE HULK.

I WAS THINKING MIKE WAZOWSKI...

OR MAYBE THAT BUG ON SPOINGEBOB...

IT'S A GOOD THING CAPTAIN CHLORINE'S KID STILL HAD HIS DAD'S POWER SUIT.

...OR WE'D HAVE ***NEVER*** BEATEN THAT THING.

Yeah... HE'S A HELPFUL LITTLE SON OF A BLEACH.

YOU WANNA GRAB A BITE LATER?

Nah. I'VE HAD ENOUGH BITES.

BESIDES... I HAVE AN UNCONTROLLABLE URGE TO STEAL CHRISTMAS FROM THE WHOS.

SEVERAL DOZEN SHOWERS LATER...

WELL... IT'S NOW OR NEVER.

HOW ABOUT "NEVER"?

Huh?

THOOM

...EVER...

TO BE CONTINUED

OUT ON A DATE

KID DYNAMITE

FAIRMOUNT CITY

THEN

TURN THAT OFF. COMMANDER HEROIC HAS A BRIEFING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

SOCK IT TO ME!

I HAVE GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS.

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT WE'RE NOT FACING A NEW TEAM OF MOON-THEMED VILLAINS.

THE BAD NEWS IS THAT IT'S *ONE VILLAIN.*

AND SHE CAN ASSUME ONE OF SEVERAL "PHASES" — EACH ONE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ONE BEFORE.

SHE CALLS HERSELF **MOON MAIDEN**

— AND SHE'S INCREDIBLY POWERFUL.

WHY... JUST LAST NIGHT I SAW HER ABSOR—

LOOK!

Omigod!

A FULL MOON!

RIGHT OUTSIDE OUR WINDOW!

SHE MUST BE PREPARING HER ATTACK!

VERY FUNNY.

TELL SILVER SCORPION TO PULL UP HIS PANTS AND GET IN HERE...

THIS MAY BE THE GREATEST FOE WE'VE YET TO FACE.

THAT WASN'T MY FACE!

EARLIER

YOU'RE *NO MATCH* FOR ME!

KRAK

NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU BATTLE...

THOOM

...THE TIDE WILL ALWAYS TURN MY WAY.

GOODNIGHT NOISES EVERYWHERE.

WEEE-OOO-WE... ...EEEE-OOOO-

hush.

NOW

WALLOP

DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT WAS FOR ME TO BUY FLOWERS AFTER THE DAY I HAD TODAY?

*PREVIOUS ISSUE

I'M SORRY, SWEETIE... I'M DOING THIS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? – MY MOM?!

WHOOSH

Heh. NO.

I'M JUST SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN IN YOUR BOOTS.

AND OUT OF THEM.

KERSMAK

IS IT OK IF I DON'T VISUALIZE THAT?

IT'S PREFERABLE.

WAIT — YOU MUST BE MOON MAIDEN!

YOU'VE HEARD OF ME?

"I MET CRIMSON GHOST. HE TOLD ME ABOUT YOU TWO."

"Oh, HE DID, DID HE?"

"DID HE TELL YOU WE NEVER SPOKE AFTER WE BROKE UP THAT NIGHT?"

LEMME GUESS... HE TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT HOW IT AFFECTED HIM...

— AND DIDN'T MENTION ME AT ALL...

HE MENTIONED YOU.

A LOT.

NOT COUNTING SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS "GAMS" OR "GAZONGAS"...?

STILL.

HE SPOKE GLOWINGLY.

I REALLY DON'T HAVE TIME FOR A SLUGFEST RIGHT NOW.

IS THERE ANY WAY I CAN TALK YOU OUT OF YOUR *WRONGDOING* TONIGHT?

ONLY IF I CAN TALK YOU OUT OF *YOURS.*

MINE?!

YOU GOT IT WRONG.

I'M A HERO.

...A HERO WHO WANTS TO DATE A VILLAIN.

"HOW DID YOU KNOW?"

GUESS WHAT JOSEPHINE OVERHEARD AT WORK...

HAIR RELAXER

BUT CRIMSON GHOST TOLD ME...

...HIS BIGGEST MISTAKE WAS LEAVING YOU!

OUR BIGGEST MISTAKE WAS STARTING IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE STARTING.

YOUR ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP WILL BE DEFINED BY THE SIDES YOU'VE CHOSEN.

SHE'LL SEE EVERY HELPFUL COMMENT FROM YOU AS AN ATTEMPT TO *"SAVE"* HER...

AND YOU'LL SEE EVERY ORDINARY SHORTCOMING AS EVIDENCE OF HER IRREDEEMABLE NATURE.

ARE YOU KIDDING?!

"BELIEVE ME."

WANTED

Putting the milk back with only a swig left

I'M SORRY. I JUST DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

FOOL. YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

YOU'VE... CHANGED.

I HAVE MANY FORMS...

AND THIS IS THE FORM OF YOUR DEMISE!

B-ZOT

Wham

KSSSH

tink

I CAN'T LET YOU DO THIS.

I WON'T!

FWOOSH

KRACKLE

YOU'RE MAKING THE EXACT SAME MISTAKES THAT CRIMSON GHOST MADE.

SPLASH

FSSSSHHHHH

ARGH!

YOU'RE WRONG, MOONY.

I'LL NEVER MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE THAT HE MADE.

BECAUSE I'LL NEVER GIVE UP ON HER!

knock knock knock

knock knock

knock knock knock

thub thub thub

Heh.

I WAS HOPING TO BE KNOCKING BOOTS TONIGHT.

thub thub

WHAT HAPPENED TO *YOU*?!

I fell.

HARD.

FALLING IN LOVE IS EASY.

BEING IN LOVE IS HARD.

No... I ACTUALLY FELL ON MY *FACE*.

...which was pretty easy.

CAP...

I'M HERE. IF YOU'LL *HAVE* ME.

BUT...

...AND I WANT YOU JUST AS YOU ARE.

NO CHANGES.

Well.

MAYBE *ONE* CHANGE.

Less blurry.

I'M STAYING AT THIS HOTEL. MY ROOM'S ON THE FIFTH FLOOR.

I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK.

BY THE WAY, I'M *WORKING* TONIGHT.

IT'S GONNA BE THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Oh, I *KNEW* THAT.

DAMN.

MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE.

Um... SWEETIE... WE'RE GONNA HAFTA RENEGOTIATE.

WAIT.

WHY?!

HEY! I DON'T WANT A THREESOME!

ME NEITHER. COME BACK IN AN HOUR.

CAPTAIN HEROIC

HOW'D YOU GET INTO MY *ROOM*?!

I DUNNO. THE WINDOW, I GUESS...

THERE'S A NOTE PINNED TO YOUR CAPE.

ASK ME OUT.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GRAB COFFEE SOME TIME?

OK.

THIS IS AWKWARD.

I WAS READING THE NOTE.

STILL...

HEY.
IT'S ME.
WHY DID YOU DUMP ME AT A HOTEL?
Ask me out

CAP... YOU CAN'T JUST SHOW UP ON MY DOORSTEP...
... AND EXPECT US TO PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF.

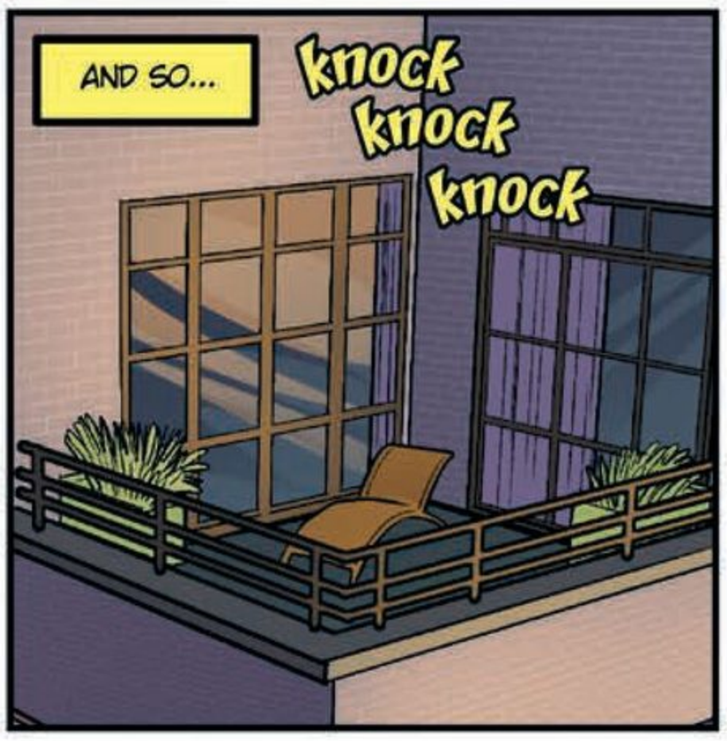
WE CAN'T HAVE A RELATIONSHIP UNTIL WE CAN PROVE WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH A DATE.
SO... ASK ME OUT.

YOU WANT US TO GO OUT ON A DATE?! IN PUBLIC?!
BUT I'M HERO AND YOU'RE A V—

ahem
I mean... MAY I PICK YOU UP AT EIGHT, FRIDAY NIGHT?

Sure.... DO YOU LIKE ITALIAN FOOD?
ANYTHING TO GET THE TASTE OF TIMBERLANDS OUTTA MY MOUTH.

MAYBE WE'RE GONNA NEED TO MAKE IT THROUGH A CONVERSATION BEFORE WE CAN HAVE A DATE...


AND SO...
knock knock knock

Oh MY GOODNESS...

DO YOU LIKE IT? IT'S MY ALTER EGO!
NO... "CAPTAIN HEROIC" IS YOUR ALTER EGO.
THIS IS YOUR SECRET IDENTITY.

I DON'T HAVE A SECRET IDENTITY.
I AM CAPTAIN HEROIC. IT'S ON MY BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

REALLY? WHO WOULD NAME A BABY "CAPTAIN"?!

A FATHER NAMED "COMMANDER," WITH A TENUOUS GRASP ON MILITARY RANK.

IF "CAPTAIN HEROIC" IS YOUR ONLY IDENTITY...

...THEN WHY DO YOU WEAR A MASK?

THAT'S A DUMB QUESTION.

YOU MAY AS WELL ASK ME WHY I WEAR A CAPE!

— OR ROLL-DOWN BOOTS!

— OR SHORTS OUTSIDE MY PANTS!

I GET IT. I GET IT...

IT'S ALL PART OF AN ICONIC "LOOK".

Hey...

WHY *DO* I WEAR MY SHORTS OUTSIDE MY PANTS??

HAVE YOU COME UP WITH A NAME FOR YOUR "CIVILIAN" IDENTITY?

NO, I CAN'T DECIDE.

IT NEEDS TO BE MASCULINE, AND MAYBE A LITTLE DANGEROUS.

...AND DARK. A LITTLE *EXOTIC*, EVEN.

TOO BAD *DRAKKAR NOIR* IS ALREADY BEING USED.

Yeah.

ABOUT THAT...

sniff sniff

TOO MUCH, OR NOT NEARLY ENOUGH?

NOT NEARLY ENOUGH.

TO KILL A RHINOCEROS.

EARLIER IN THE WEEK...

WHAT'S *GOING ON* WITH MISS MATCH?

I KNOW — *RIGHT?!* SHE NEARLY BIT MY HEAD OFF YESTERDAY!

BUT A FEW WEEKS AGO, SHE WAS WALKING AROUND HERE ON A CLOUD!

IT'S GOTTA BE A MAN.

IT DOESN'T HAFTA BE.

IT COULD BE ANOTHER WOMAN.

I *HATE* NOT KNOWING!

WE'VE GOTTA FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING.

IT'S NOT ANOTHER WOMAN!

WHERE'S DESI?

I DUNNO.

I SAW HER TAKE A GOAT AND A BUNCH OF CANDLES INTO THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

I'LL NEVER GET USED TO BIRTHDAY PARTIES IN THIS OFFICE.

MEANWHILE

DEMON? ME? NO...

Oh. I SEE THE PROBLEM...

Oh, poo.

I'LL JUST USE THE APP.

Carrier 11:00PM 100%

Pentagram

Desdemona

99+

WHY DO GUYS ALWAYS SEND A DICK PITCH?

ah-HA!

FINALLY!

Lessee, here...

REVENGE DEMON?

Pentagram

Eldenath

Nah. SWIPE LEFT.

Hmmm. NO.

THE LAST PERCEPTOR DEMON I MET COULDN'T STOP PERCEIVING THROUGH MY BLOUSE.

SPY FAE?! NO WAY!

I'D BE BRUSHING FAERIE DUST OUTTA MY HAIR FOR WEEKS!

Heh.

HOW'D THIS CUNNINGULOSSUS GET IN HERE?!

Ooh!

I WONDER WHAT A *DESHROUDER DEMON* DOES...

WELL, MISS MATCH... SHALL WE GO TO *CHEZ LUIS*?

I'M IMPRESSED YOU GOT RESERVATIONS!

I GOT *WHAT*, NOW?

YOU *DO* HAVE RESERVATIONS, DON'T YOU?

Nah...

I'M SURE THEIR FOOD IS GONNA BE GOOD.

NO.

"RESERVATIONS."

AS IN... "SCHEDULING A TABLE IN ADVANCE."

YOU *DO* HAVE RESERVATIONS, DON'T YOU?

...?

HAVE YOU EVER EATEN AT A FANCY RESTAURANT?

CERTAINLY!

THE HOSTESS ALWAYS DIRECTS ME TO A TABLE, AND SAYS: "...WITH THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL CITY..."

WHAT DO THEY DO? — BRING YOUR CHECK ON A SILVER PLATTER?!

IF, BY "CHECK," YOU MEAN: *"A SLICE OF DELICIOUS CHOCOLATE CAKE,"* THEN — YES.

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE BILL. DO THEY BRING YOU A BILL?!

IF, BY "BILL," YOU MEAN: *"ANOTHER SLICE OF DELICIOUS CHOCOLATE CAKE,"* THEN — YES.

"WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY RUN OUT OF CAKE?"

"DO THEY BRING *CANDY*?!"

Hi, Candy...

MOMENTARILY...

SEE? THAT WASN'T SO HARD. WE HAVE RESERVATIONS FOR CHEZ LUIS.

GREAT! WHAT TIME?

SEVEN-THIRTY.

Ooh! WE'D BETTER HURRY...

ON FRIDAY, AUGUST THIRD.

...UP AND MAKE OTHER PLANS...

I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT *ANTONIO'S* HAS A FEW OPEN TABLES TONIGHT...

NICE.

X-RAY VISION?

"NO... HEALTH-CODE VIOLATIONS..."

ARE THE MEATBALLS *SUPPOSED* TO HAVE TAILS?

YOU *DO* KNOW THAT *SALMONELLA* ISN'T AN ITALIAN SEAFOOD RECIPE, RIGHT?

LAUGH ALL YOU WANT.

EVERYONE SAYS CHEF SID'S CLAM LINGUINI IS TO DIE FROM.

YOU MEAN "TO DIE *FOR*," DON'T YOU?

YOU'RE RIGHT.

LET'S NOT GO THERE.

mint...?

DO YOU SMELL BRIM-STONE?

FAIRMOUNT CITY BUSINESS PARK

I'LL *NEVER* GET USED TO BIRTHDAYS IN THIS OFFICE...

YOU SUMMONED ME, *DESDEMONA?*

=ulp=

I AM *SURGAT,* THE DESHROUDER.

WOW.

er-=< I mean...

WHY ARE YOU CALLED "DESHROUDER"?

I CAN UNCOVER YOUR DARKEST SECRETS THROUGH THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH.

WOULD YOU LIKE PROOF?

SOME SECRET.

I DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE REAL IN THE FIRST PLACE...

YOU HAD A GOOD DOCTOR, THOUGH...

THEY'RE AMAZINGLY PERKY.

YOU SHOULDA SEEN THEM BEFORE I HAD 'EM REDUCED.

THEY WERE A BIG DISTRACTION IN HIGH SCHOOL.

BUT, OF COURSE... IF THOSE AREN'T YOUR *REAL* HORNS...

SHHH!

YOUR CO-WORKERS DON'T SUSPECT...?

THEY... DON'T SUSPECT A LOT...

YOU MEAN THERE'S MORE?!

I DIDN'T SEE MORE!

MAYBE YOU WEREN'T LOOKING HARD ENOUGH.

BE CAREFUL.

THERE'S MORE TO ME THAN MEETS THE EYE...

MUCH MORE...

gasp

MY CLOTHES!

snap

YOU'RE SO WILLING TO

BARE

YOUR-SELF.

Y-yes...

slap

AND I INTEND TO DRILL

DEEP

INTO YOUR PAST.

Hhh Hhh Hhh Hhh Hhh

Hhh Hhh Hhh

kick

PAK
PAK
PA
P
K

YOU SEE IT, DON'T YOU?

Hhh Hhh

grunt

MY PAST... MY FATE.

gasp

I WANT YOUR CUM ALL OVER THESE TITS.

THEN GET ON YOUR KNEES, YOU LITTLE SLUT.

shik shik shik shik

spurt spurt spurt

hng hng hng hng

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE ACTUALLY

mmmmmm

ACTUALLY...

ACTUALLY...

ACTUALLY WAITING FOR YOU TO GET BACK TO WORK...

EVIL INC... HOW MAY I HARM YOU?

LOOK INTO MY EYES!

WHICH ONE?

THEY'RE POINTED IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

IT'S CALLED A *LAZY EYE*, WENCH!

JUST *PICK ONE*, AND LOOK INTO IT!

DEEPER... DEEPER...

ARE YOU FEELING ENTRANCED YET?

SLEEEEEEEPY?

BORED? YES. SLEEPY? NO.

GODDAMNED CATARACTS!

TRY THE *OTHER* EYE!

I'D HAVE TO STAND OUT IN THE HALLWAY TO DO THAT...

THAT'S IT. I'M JUST GONNA BITE HER. HAND ME MY TEETH.

Oh, I'LL HAND YOU YOUR TEETH.

DAD?

SON?

SON?!

SUN?!?

DIRTY TRICK, WENCH.

I UNDERSTAND YOU SO MUCH BETTER NOW, SPURLOCK...

COME ON, DAD, WE CAN SPEAK AT MY DESK.

SHE MUST INVITE ME IN!

I INVITE YOU!

TO GET THE HELL OUTTA MY LOBBY.

TECHNICALLY WORKS...

IF I WERE A COUPLE HUNDRED YEARS YOUNGER...

I WOULD HAVE GIVEN HER THE OL' "WOODEN STAKE" BY NOW...

FATHER!

...SPEAKING OF THINGS THAT TECHNICALLY WORK...

DAD.
WHAT ARE YOU *DOING* HERE.
I'M IN SEARCH OF GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT!
BUT... YOU'RE EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR YEARS OLD!
NOT FOR ME, IDIOT! FOR MR. PACKER!
HE'S ONLY FOUR HUNDRED NINETY.
SEVENTY IN HUMAN YEARS.
WHAT KIND OF WORK ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
HE CAN BALANCE YOUR BOOKS.
REALLY?
RIGHT ON THE TIP OF HIS NOSE!
IT'S THE CUTEST THING!
I'M VERY GOOD AT FINDING STRAY EXPENSES AND GATHERING THEM IN GROUPS TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM TAX BENEFITS.
SO... YOU'RE AN ACCOUNTANT.
— AND PART BORDER COLLIE.
YOU MAY BE IN LUCK, MR. PACKER. WE NEED TO HIRE AN ACCOUNTANT.
MICROMIND TOOK OVER AFTER GRIMM DISAPPEARED. BUT HE WASN'T VERY GOOD AT IT.
WAS HE FIRED?
"Nah. GIANT TESS SAID SHE HAD A SLOT HE COULD FILL." *
KNOCK KNOCK
I'M DONE SCHEDULING THE WAREHOUSE WORKERS THROUGH NEXT WEEK.
GOOD. YOU CAN FILE THE EMPLOYEE REVIEWS NEXT.
NO PROBLEM.
AND THANKS FOR LETTING ME STASH MY BOOTS IN YOUR OFFICE.
LAST TIME I WENT TO THE WAREHOUSE, THEY STOLE 'EM AND THREW 'EM UP IN THE RAFTERS.
SORRY. FALSE ALARM.

THEA, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET SOMEONE.

THIS IS RALPH HOWELL.

I'M CONSIDERING HIM FOR THE ACCOUNTING POSITION.

HELLO, MR. HOWELL.

YOU'RE *PERFECT!*

I mean... WE'VE BEEN *LOOKING* FOR AN ACCOUNTANT, AND NOW WE *HAVE* ONE!

TAKE MR. HOWELL TO HUMAN RESOURCES, AND SCHEDULE AN ORIENTATION.

AREN'T WE *SKIPPING AHEAD* A LITTLE?

Yes. of course, SPURLOCK.

OBTAIN AN UP-TO-DATE RESUME, CONTACT HIS REFERENCES...

...AND SCHEDULE A DETAILED INTERVIEW TO CONFIRM HIS SKILLS AND PROFICIENCY.

...AND THEN HIRE HIM.

SHE *HIRED HIM* ON THE *SPOT?!*

HE *IS* RATHER WELL QUALIFIED.

HE'S A DOG!

WOLF.

...AND I'M A *C.P.A.*

DO YOU HAVE A LICENSE?

OF COURSE I DO.

ISN'T IT SUPPOSED TO BE ON A METAL TAG AROUND YOUR NECK?

I AM A LICENCED *C.P.A.*

...AND A *WOLF.*

FINE.

HERE.

THANK YOU.

I'LL FILL THESE OUT AND RETURN THEM TO YOU.

NO...

I JUST DON'T WANT YOU GOING ON THE CARPET.

IT'S THE ONLY PLACE I COULD GET A TABLE THIS LATE, AND I HAD TO DO IT AS "CAP."

"I'LL GO IN, AND I'LL GET A TABLE FOR THREE."

MY FRIENDS WILL BE HERE LATER...

DO YOU MIND IF I TIDY UP IN THE RESTROOM?

"I'LL CHANGE INTO MY CIVILIAN DISGUISE, AND MEET YOU AT THE TABLE LATER."

"WON'T THEY MISS CAP?"

"Oh, HE'S ALWAYS GETTING CALLED AWAY ON EMERGENCIES..."

...AND WITH *HIM* OUT OF THE WAY...

...I HAVE YOU ALL TO MYSELF.

YOU *DO* REALIZE *YOU'RE* HIM, RIGHT?

"Hmph, THIS SECRET-IDENTITY STUFF CAN REALLY DO A NUMBER ON YOUR PRONOUNS..."

ARE YOU *SURE* IT'S HIM?

I SAW HIM WALK IN.

EXCELLENT.

LATER...

HERE'S YOUR PAYMENT.

THE BIG MAN THANKS YOU FOR YOUR WATCHFUL EYE.

THERE ARE SOME SPARE TUXEDOS IN THE BACK ROOM.

HIS PARTY IS AT TABLE SIX.

WOW! THIS ALMOST MAKES GETTING FIRED AS THAT OLD LADY'S *BUTLER* WORTH IT!

I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT ACROSS THE STREET A WHILE.

IT'S OK. I JUST PASSED THE TIME PICKING POCKETS.

Hey.

YOU *HAVE* CHANGED.

YOU DIDN'T SCOLD ME.

— AND YOU'RE ACTUALLY SMILING!

I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT THE *FUN* I'M GONNA HAVE FRISKING YOU LATER.

SO... HOW ABOUT SOME GROUND RULES FOR TONIGHT'S CONVERSATION?

SUCH AS...?

NO SHOP TALK.

AGREED. NO TALKING SHOP.

NO EX-WIVES OR EX-HUSBANDS.

NO FAMILY.

NO RELIGION.

GOD, NO.

"GOODNESS," NO...

THAT LEAVES POLITICS.

AND SEX.

WE SAID "NO EXES."

I KNOW.

Oh... GOODNESS...

Oh, GOD.

OK... OK... MAYBE WE CAN DO A LITTLE SHOP TALK.

Whew!

"WANNA HEAR A GREAT STORY ABOUT WEATHER WARRIOR?

...FOR MONTHS, HE'S BEEN HITTING CITIES WITH EVERYTHING FROM TORNADO CLUSTERS TO CATEGORY-FIVE HURRICANES.

...TRYING TO EXTORT PROTECTION MONEY FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THEY KEEP IGNORING HIM!

...CHALKING IT ALL UP TO CLIMATE CHANGE!

WANNA HEAR A BETTER STORY ABOUT WEATHER WARRIOR?

SURE.

HE'S BEEN DEAD FOR THREE YEARS.

MAY I GET YOU ANOTHER DRINK, MA'AM?
YES, PLEASE.
...AND WHERE IS THE LADIES' ROOM?
DOWN THE HALL ON YOUR LEFT.
THANK YOU.
LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER WAITER HAS 'HORNED IN' ON OUR TABLE!
Huh?!
Oh! BECAUSE OUR NEW WAITER HAS —
HA!
I GET IT!
YOU'RE SURE THAT'S HER?
SHE DOESN'T LOOK VERY EVIL TO ME!
I'M A TRACKER GNOME.
IT'S LITERALLY WHAT I DO.
YOU CAN IDENTIFY HER BASED ON SMELL ALONE?
SMELL?!
IS THAT SOME KIND OF CRACK ABOUT MY NOSE?!
NO!
I JUST...
I MEAN...
THAT'S WHY I PICKED YOU.
Oh, VERY NICE!
NEVER HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE.
I'M GETTING MYSELF OUTTA THIS JOINT.
SNXXT
nose...
outta joint...
I'LL REPORT YOU, THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO! THIS IS DEFAMATION!
YOU'LL SEE! YOU'LL FIND OUT!
JUST YOU WAIT IF YOU THINK I'M NOT TELLING THE TRUTH!
GODS BELOW! I'D HATE TO SEE YOU LIE!
WHO WAS THAT?!
WHO KNOWS?
ASSHOLE!
WHERE'S WINTHROP?
THE APPETIZERS FOR TABLE SIX ARE READY.
TABLE SIX?
I'LL TAKE THOSE. I'M COVERING FOR WINTHROP.
OH, NO YOU DON'T!
I'M TAKING TABLE SIX.
woof
HOW MANY LIES DID YOU TELL?!
ASSHOLE!

THOOM

HE LANDED BACK BY THE RESTROOMS. I'D BETTER SEE IF MATCH NEEDS —※

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

GREAT. HOW AM I GONNA FIGHT THIS GUY — MUCH LESS SURVIVE...

WITHOUT REVEALING *WHO I AM?!*

I GUESS THIS IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO FIND OUT HOW INVULNERABLE I AM.

FOOM

KISS YOU...?

I GOTTA SAY...

I COULD JUST —

'SCUZE ME, FELLA.

I JUST NEED A COUPLE MINUTES WITH YOUR DATE.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?
A FIGHT BROKE OUT BETWEEN A GUY AND A COUPLE OF WAITERS.
WE GOT OUT JUST IN TIME!
IS IT OVER?
NO... WAIT!
LOOK!

Um... IF MY DATE CHOOSES TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU, THAT'S ONE THING...
BUT I'D RATHER HEAR IT FROM HER.

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.
I'M GOING INTO THAT BATHROOM TO TOUCH HER FOR A MINUTE.
THEN I'LL BE ON MY WAY!

KA
RAK

IN RETROSPECT, I COULD HAVE WORDED THAT BETTER...

WON'T STAY DOWN, eh?
FINE. GET READY TO SEE STARS.

MISS MATCH... IS DATING CAPTAIN HEROIC??

I- I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID THAT...

BUT YOU NEED TO KEEP IT A SECRET.

My dude...

I'M A **DESHROUDER DEMON.**

WE DON'T **KEEP** SECRETS.

WE **EXPOSE** THEM.

ASSHOLE!

YOU MAY AS WELL ASK A ***BIRD*** NOT TO FLY...

OR A ***TRACKER GNOME*** NOT TO SMELL.

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

BAM

...OR A ***RHINO*** NOT TO CHARGE...

FLIP

KSHH-SHH-SHH

THOOM

LET ME MAKE THIS SIMPLE.

YOU'LL EITHER FORGET WHAT YOU SAW.

Hhh

Hhh

Hhh

Hhh

OR I'LL ***BEAT*** THE MEMORY OUT OF YOUR ***SKULL.***

ONE BRAIN CELL AT A TIME!

RRRRACHH

FWOOF!

WHUMP

NNNGH!

THAT'S **TWO** I OWE YOU FOR...

BUT THAT CHANGES **NOTHING**.

ON THE *CONTRARY*.

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

Ohhh. WHAT'S THE USE?

Don't do it.

WHOOSH

WELL, NOW THEY **REALLY** KNOW IT'S YOU.

I WASN'T CRAZY ABOUT BEING ***DRAKKAR NOIR*** ANYWAY.

I... I SAW WHAT YOU DID TO THAT DEMON WHEN HE SAID HE WANTED TO -ugh- "TOUCH" ME.

I WOULD HAVE ***NEVER*** LET THAT HAPPEN.

I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

I KNOW. I SAW WHAT YOU DID TO THAT RHINO GUY.

THANK YOOUUUMMMMMM

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT ...TONIGHT?

THAT'S WHAT OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT IS FOR...

WHAT ARE **YOU** GOING TO DO ABOUT TONIGHT?

I BELIEVE I WAS PROMISED A THOROUGH PAT-DOWN.

WHUMP

HEY!

shhhhh ASSUME THE POSITION.

-hHh- -hHh-

-hHh- -hHh-

DID YOU FIND ANY CONTRABAND?

NO.

gasp

BUT THERE'S ALWAYS THE CAVITY SEARCH.

MOOOAAAAANNN

YOU'RE SO WET.

SQUITCH SQUITCH

AND I LOVE HOW YOU QUIVER WHEN I STROKE YOUR CLIT.

hHh hHh hHh

I... I WANT YOU INSIDE ME. ...now.

Don't... DON'T TEASE ME.

rub rub

SQUE-EE-ZE

WHUP WHUP WHUP

I'M

I'M GETTING CLOSE.

WHUP WHUP WHUP WH

WAIT...

WAIT?!
FOR WHAT?!
WELL, YOU'RE FUCKING IN AN OPEN DOORWAY, FOR STARTERS.
FRESH GROCER
-ahem- also...
I WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE.
NOW, GET IN HERE, AND GET YOUR CLOTHES -><
...off.
"FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET," eh?
throb
"NOT TONIGHT."
-hHh-
SUK SUK SUK -mph- SUK
gasp
BUT THAT "LOCOMOTIVE" PART?
DEFINITELY.
STILL NEED TO SEE MY FACE?
WHUMP
lap lap lap lap lap lap
I ...
ungh
I SAW IT OUT IN THE...
hHh hHh
HALLWAY.
Nngh
NICE FACE.

LICK LICK

SLUURP

SUK LAP LAP

Nng Nng

SLURP

-hHh- -hHh-

SQUIK SQUIK SQUIK

sigh

gasp

LOOK INTO MY EYES.

hHh hHh hHh

SLI-I-IDE

MOOOAAAAANNN

-hHh-

-hHh-

-hHh-

-hHh-

ahhhhh

WHUMP

WHUMP

WHUMP

gasp

Hnng

Hnng

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

SPURT

SPURT

WHAT DID YOU SEE WHEN WE CAME TOGETHER?

heh.

STARS.

LOTS AND LOTS OF STARS.

YOU?

FOREVER.

LEGIONNAIRE HALL
THE NEXT MORNING...

THERE YOU ARE.
WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

DID CREEPING WILLOW DO ONE OF HIS PRE-DAWN RAIDS?
NO.
NO "MORNING WOOD."

EVERY-ONE'S IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.
YIKES.
SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER ONE OF PRENTICE'S LECTURES.

WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
H.I.P.A.A?
F.E.R.P.A?
A.R.N.I.M.S.U?

"A.R.N.I.M.S.U?"
ALL RIGHT, NOW I'M MAKING STUFF UP.

CAPTAIN HEROIC...
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION FIVE, SUBSET THREE OF THE JUSTICE LTD. CODE OF CONDUCT, I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT...
YOU'RE FIRED!

HONEY TRAP

Tube

HEY, EVERYBODY! IT'S YASMINE AGAIN, BRINGING YOU MORE NEWS FROM

CRASH!

CRA

THERE'S BEEN A LOT GOING ON OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS...

SO LET'S RECAP.

Citizens' Resistance Against Super Heroes

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CAPTAIN HEROIC WAS CAUGHT ON A DATE WITH MISS MATCH.

CAP WAS FIRED FROM HIS POSITION AS TEAM LEADER OF JUSTICE INC, AND HAS GONE INTO HIDING.

AS INTERIM LEADER, MISTER INVINCIBLE CALLED A PRESS CONFERENCE.

HE PROMISED TO RESTORE FAIRMOUNT CITY'S FAITH IN ITS CAPED DEFENDERS.

WE'VE GOT VIDEO OF THAT ANNOUNCEMENT ON OUR CHANNEL...

Try Not To Laugh Challenge

Best of Columbo

Webcomics Confidential

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NEWS FLASH! Justice Inc admin seen in hush-hush meeting with the mayor at City Hall! #AffairToRemember #Heroesarezeroes

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A HERO DATING A SUPER-VILLAIN?!

THE PUBLIC OUTCRY HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL!

THERE'S A PETITION TO REVOKE THE CITY'S CONTRACT WITH JUSTICE INC!

IT JUST TOPPED FIVE THOUSAND SIGNATURES!

WE'VE REMOVED CAPTAIN HEROIC, AND WE'VE TAKEN STEPS TO ENSURE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

WE MAY HAVE TO REVOKE THE CITY'S FUNDING FOR THE HEROES.

MAYOR, WOULD YOU BE DOING THIS IF YOU WEREN'T UP FOR RE-ELECTION?

"WHY DO YOU ASK?"

MAYOR KENDRICKS...

SOFT ON VILLAINS... and HARD-ON HEROES

WE'RE HERE WITH *CRASH* SPOKESPERSON YASMINE VELOUR.

YASMINE... WHY THE SUDDEN OUTRAGE AGAINST SUPERHEROES?

IT'S NOT *SUDDEN* AT ALL.

WE'VE *ALWAYS* QUESTIONED THE LEGITIMACY OF THIS PARAMILITARY GROUP.

THEY HAVE NO *ACCOUNTABILITY* TO THE PUBLIC — NO GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT.

...MEANWHILE, WHAT'S THE LEADING CAUSE OF *PROPERTY DAMAGE* AND *PERSONAL INJURY* IN THIS CITY?

SUPERHERO BATTLES!

SOME MIGHT SAY THAT SUPER-*VILLAINS* SHARE SOME OF THAT BLAME!

OF *COURSE*...

BUT WE CAN'T DO *ANYTHING* ABOUT SUPERVILLAINS.

WE *CAN* DO SOMETHING ABOUT HEROES.

ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD JUST LET SUPERVILLAINS STRIKE WHENEVER THEY WANT?!

THEY ALREADY *DO.*

A SUPERVILLAIN ATTACK IS LIKE A SEVERE STORM.

WHEN IT HAPPENS, WE HAVE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO HELP CITIZENS.

...AND INSURANCE COMPANIES TO COVER THE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

BREAKING NEWS LIVE FNN

Citizens' Resistance Against Super Heroes

RIGHT NOW DALLAS 66° LOS ANGELES 69° PHOENIX 68°

▷ THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS COME AFTER ANNOUNCING CREATION OF NEWS

ADDING SUPERHEROES TO THE FORMULA IS LIKE FIRING CANNONS INTO A HURRICANE.

SHE'S MAKING A GOOD POINT!

SERIOUSLY, WINGMAN??

I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, CAP!

VILLAINS ALONE CAUSE VERY FEW DEATHS.

MOST CIVILIAN FATALITIES HAPPEN AFTER HEROES BARGE IN.

THAT'S WHY POLICE HAVE RULES ABOUT HIGH-SPEED CHASES... BECAUSE THERE'S A HIGH RISK OF INJURING BYSTANDERS.

AND YET, LAST SUMMER, WE SAW CAPTAIN HEROIC THROW AN ENTIRE BUILDING AT KRANK THE CONQUERER.

BUT SOME PEOPLE INSIST THAT HEROES SAVE LIVES.

I HAVE ONE THING TO SAY TO THEM...

YOU BITCH!

WHY DID YOU SLAP ME?!

DON'T TRY TO TELL ME THAT CAP NEVER MENTIONED ME.

Oh.

NO.

HE DIDN'T MENTION YOU.

NOT BY NAME.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!

WHISPER WHISPER WHISPER

I'LL GIVE YOU "LESS TEETH"!

I DON'T THINK THIS DAY COULD GET *ANY BETTER!*

Oh! *THERE* YOU ARE!

THEA WANTS TO SEE YOU. RIGHT NOW.

WHADDAYA KNOW... *I WAS RIGHT.*

SO, IS IT TRUE?

WHAT WE'RE SEEING ON THE NEWS? ABOUT YOU AND CAP?

I... DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I SHOULD SAY...

SAME AS ALWAYS.

ENOUGH TO MAKE ME JEALOUS.

BUT NOT SO MUCH THAT I'LL GET A SUBPOENA.

AND SO...

SHE'S BEEN ON TV ALL MORNING.

I KNOW.

I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.

I KNOW.

WHY DIDN'T YOU *TELL* ME YOU WERE RUNNING A **HONEY TRAP** ON CAPTAIN HEROIC?!

A HONEY -⅓?!

I mean... YES.

THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

I WAS LURING HIM INTO A FALSE RELATIONSHIP TO GET INFORMATION FROM HIM.

UNFORTUNATELY, I'LL HAVE TO *STOP*, NOW THAT IT'S PUBLIC.

NONSENSE.

YOU'RE JUST GETTING STARTED.

I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE DATING CAP.

IN SECRET, OF COURSE.

ANY INTEL YOU GATHER FROM HIM WILL BE USEFUL.

BUT, AS YOU EXPAND YOUR OPERATION, YOU CAN GATHER EVEN MORE.

PLUS — POTENTIALLY SOW DISTRUST AND DISSENT AMONG THE HEROES.

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!

NO ONE'S ASKING YOU TO DATE THEM *all.*

THERE ARE ***WOMEN*** ON THAT LIST!

THAT WAS ***IRON DRAGON'S*** IDEA.

HE'S WORKING ON SETTING UP A PAY-PER-VIEW CHANNEL.

Oh... He'll pay all right...

YOU'D GET ***RESIDUALS...***

PLUS, POINTS ON THE ***BACK END.***

LEMME GUESS...

THAT WAS IRON DRAGON'S IDEA, TOO...

I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT, MISS MATCH...

BUT THERE'S A BIG BONUS IN IT FOR YOU.

WITH CAP ***OUT*** — AND THIS NEW CITIZENS' GROUP APPLYING PRESSURE —

WE'RE IN A POSITION TO ***HOBBLE*** THE HEROES INDEFINITELY.

BUT BEFORE YOU GO BACK "INTO THE FIELD," I WANT LIGHTNING LADY TO ***DEBRIEF*** YOU.

YOU CAN TELL ***IRON DRAGON*** TO GO FUCK —

no no no

NOT LIKE THAT. JUST TELL HER WHAT YOU KNOW.

IT'LL BE A ***BRIEF*** DEBRIEFING.

THAT WAS OUR FIRST REAL DATE.

AND I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM SINCE.

"DO YOU THINK HE'S SEEING ANOTHER WOMAN?"

"I GUESS. IT'S POSSIBLE."

HI, MOM... I NEED TO TALK...

I... I MISS YOU.

WHENEVER I SCREWED UP, YOU KNEW HOW TO MAKE IT BETTER.

REMEMBER THAT TIME I WRECKED DAD'S NEW CAR?

HE WAS SO MAD.

I STILL REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAID TO HIM.

NEXT TIME, LOOK WHERE YOU'RE ***GOING!***

I REALLY SCREWED UP ***BIG*** THIS TIME.

I GOT KICKED OFF THE TEAM...

THEY FROZE MY BANK ACCOUNT...

...TOOK AWAY MY COMPANY-FUNDED APARTMENT...

I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M GONNA FIND A PLACE TO LIVE— ***LET ALONE*** GET A JOB.

I THINK YOU'D LOVE HER, TOO.

BUT THE PART THAT HAS ME MOST UPSET IS...

THAT I'M ***NOT***.

UPSET, THAT IS...

WELL... EXCEPT FOR ***ONE THING.***

I REALLY WISH YOU COULD MEET HER, MOM.

THAT'S THE THING, MOM...

WHEN I'M WITH HER, I FEEL LIKE I'M ***MORE*** THAN A "GOOD GUY."

Fairmount Cemetery

I'M A GOOD ***MAN***.

SHE'S SO MUCH LIKE YOU.

CONFIDENT.

INDEPENDENT.

SHE'S... formidable.

AND... WITH A SINGLE SMILE, SHE CAN OUTSHINE THE — ⁜

SON...

WHAT IN BLAZES WERE YOU THINKING?!

COME ON...

THE MAYOR OWES ME A FAVOR.

YOU'LL APOLOGIZE.

PROMISE IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

No.

...AND THEN HE STORMED OFF.

MISS MATCH'S APARTMENT

"WHAT DO YOU *MEAN* HE STORMED OFF?!"

HE DIDN'T SAY *ANYTHING*?!

– NOTHING AT ALL?!?

How could you?

After how she died?

NOTHING AT ALL.

SWEETHEART, I'M SORRY. THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.

YES.

IT IS.

...WAIT.

HOW IS THIS *MY* FAULT?!

YOU'RE A WOMAN WORTH RISKING *EVERYTHING* FOR.

THAT...

THAT'S THE MOST ROMANTIC THING...

YOU'VE EVER SAID TO ME.

somebody IS GETTING A LITTLE *WAPPITY-BAPPITY* TONIGHT...

...FOLLOWED BY THE MOST PATHETIC...

IF THE MAYOR CANCELS THE CITY'S CONTRACT, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR OPERATION.

LEGIONNAIRE HALL

LUCKILY, I'VE BEEN WORKING ON *"PLAN B."*

PLAN B

NOW...

WHICH ONE OF YOU IS A BILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY?

PLAN B

NOT ME.

I'M BARELY A THOUSANDAIRE.

I THOUGHT *YOU* WERE.

Nah. I'M JUST A PLAYBOY.

SUBSCRIBER.

THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET A BILLION DOLLARS IS TO ROB A BANK.

'COURSE... THEN I'D HAVE TO THWART *MYSELF.*

heh-heh

LET'S...

SKIP AHEAD TO *"PLAN D."*

LATER...

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE GOOD AT *COUNTING CARDS!*

LEGIONNAIRE HALL

I CAN START OVER...

BUT I'M CERTAIN THE ANSWER IS *"FIVE."*

PLAN G

VEGAS

WHAT ABOUT MR. MYSTO?

HE CAN PREDICT THE FUTURE!

ALL WE NEED IS THE WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS, AND OUR TROUBLES ARE OVER!

I SPENT AN ENTIRE AFTERNOON CONVINCING HIM THAT IT WAS MORALLY *OK* FOR HIM TO USE HIS POWERS THAT WAY.

SO, HE'LL DO IT?

HE *DID* IT.

"FINE! WHERE *IS* HE?!"

REMIND ME TO BUY AN *UNLISTED* ISLAND NEXT TIME.

THWACK
OOF!
BTOOM
THOOM
WHAT?
I SAID... WHAT IS YOUR WORK HISTORY?

YOU'VE GOT NO WORK HISTORY, NO CREDENTIALS, AND NO RESUME...
UNDER "REFERENCES," YOU WROTE THAT YOU CAN QUOTE ANY CHEVY CHASE MOVIE FROM THE '80S.
DO YOU HAVE A HIGHER DEGREE?
THAN WHO?
HOW ABOUT TECHNICAL TRAINING?
YES! PLEASE!

I'M... SURE YOU CAN SEE WHERE THIS IS GOING...
JUST IMAGINE! MIDDLE MANAGEMENT.
ORIENTATION

THIS LOOKS LIKE A (BLOW) JOB FOR...

CAPTAIN HEROIC

LATER... AT THE SUPERHERO BAR...

CAP! WHAT ARE *YOU* DOING HERE??

SOMEBODY RECOGNIZED ME.

THEY FIRED YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE *CAP*?!

"NO..."

NO, **WE** GET HIM FOR THE CORPORATE VOLLEYBALL TEAM!

ONLY IF THERE'S TIME BETWEEN SOFTBALL GAMES!

DO YOU DO KIDS' PARTIES?

YOU'RE A LOT BIGGER ON TV.

I NEED YOUR HELP WITH A... JAM.

TONY IN THE WAREHOUSE SEZ HE'LL ARM-WRESTLE YOU.

COPIER

I'VE LOST MY PHONE AND MY INTERNET...

AND MY LANDLORD SENT ME AN EVICTION NOTICE.

DO YOU THINK I COULD SLEEP ON YOUR COUCH FOR A FEW DAYS?

SURE... BUT IT MIGHT GET A LITTLE **NOISY** AT NIGHT...

I GET IT, I GET IT...

IF YOU HAVE A WOMAN OVER, JUST PUT A ***SOCK*** ON THE DOORKNOB — LIKE WE DID IN COLLEGE...

THAT NIGHT...

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO TEMPTED TO OPEN A DOOR IN MY ***LIFE***...

A FEW HOURS LATER...

Virgil's Auntie

ANOTHER ONE, CAP?

I'M DRINKING TO **FORGET**, PHIL...

WOMAN TROUBLES, eh?

WOMEN.

MULTIPLE WOMEN.

"AND MEN, AND... AND... and how's that drink coming, Phil?"

THAT'S A DOUBLE. I ORDERED A SINGLE.

COURTESY OF THE YOUNG LADY.

THANK YOU, BUT I REALLY CAN'T -:-

YOU CAN. AND YOU **WILL.**

WE HAVE A **LONG** NIGHT AHEAD OF US.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK...

MISS MATCH... HAVE YOU MADE ANY PROGRESS ON THAT **SPECIAL PROJECT** WE DISCUSSED?

THE **HONEY TRAP?**

THEA RAUTMAN

Yeah. IT WORKED SO WELL WITH CAP.

HAVE YOU TARGETED ANY OTHER HEROES?

Um. NO.

LISTEN. I'M REALLY NOT THAT COMFORTABLE WITH THIS.

I ASKED MUSKIDAY TO DO SOME MARKET RESEARCH.

TWENTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE POLLED SAID THEY'D LIKE TO SEE YOU DATE WINGMAN.

FIFTEEN PERCENT SAY ELASTIC MAN.

AND EIGHT PERCENT SAY MISTER INVINCIBLE.

THAT LEAVES ABOUT FIFTY-FOUR PERCENT.

THERE WAS A WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN FOR...

Who should Miss Match date?

Elastic Man 23%

Mr. Invincible 15%

"SOME SORT OF INSECT-SCIENTIST HYBRID."

SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT.

THAT ADDS UP TO ABOUT **A HUNDRED TWENTY** PERCENT!

BEAUTY **AND** BRAINS.

R-RAWR

BEE DEE BEEP

WHAT'S THAT?

I GET NOTIFICATIONS EVERY TIME **CRASH*** UPDATES.

Tube

ONCE AGAIN, CAPTAIN HEROIC WAS SPOTTED WITH A **HOT** DATE!

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*CITIZENS' RESISTANCE AGAINST SUPER HEROES

BUT THIS TIME, IT **WASN'T** MISS MATCH!

Hm. THAT'S ALL.

WHERE **WERE** WE?

WHERE WERE **WE**

SLAM

I **KNEW** I SHOULDA INCLUDED A PIE CHART!

WHY HASN'T IT HAPPENED YET?
ARE THEY DEAD?
NOT DEAD. DORMANT.
DID WE RELEASE THE CHEMICAL COMPOUND?
YES.
THE BLIMPS.
THAT WAS WEEKS AGO.
IT'S TOO COLD.
WE NEED TO BE PATIENT.
IF YOU FAIL ME, YOUR FUTURE IS... GRIM.
FWOOSH
Hey! WHAT'S THAT?!
EEK!
HOLY MOLEY!
Argh!
Oh, NO!
BE-BEEP
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
Bwee Bwee Bwee
Weee-ooooo-eeee-oooo-eeee-oooo-eeee-oooo-eeee-oooo-eeee-oooo-eeee-oooo-eeee-oooo

CALLING ALL CAPES!

THIS IS A CODE-RED EMERGENCY.

I NEED EVERY AVAILABLE SUPER TO HEAD TO THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT.

WINGMAN! YOU'VE FOUGHT THIS THREAT BEFORE...

CAN YOU GIVE US THE INSIDE STORY?

FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK...

I WANT ALL EVIL INC AGENTS AND ASSETS OFF THE STREETS IMMEDIATELY.

OFF THE STREETS?!

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT... THIS IS A **PERFECT** OPPORTUNITY TO **OVERWHELM** THE HEROES.

IF YOU'D LIKE SOME ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WITH FIELD EXPERIENCE, I --

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

clik

YARGH

DO ALL OF THE CHAIRS HAVE TRAPDOORS UNDER THEM?

...AND WHAT'S AT THE BOTTOM?

YES. ...AND LASERS.

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT...

ZOT

Hng

BZ-ZOT

THWAK

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

THAT'S RIGHT, COMMANDER, WE'RE CALLING UP ALL RETIRED AND SEMI-RETIRED EMPLOYEES.

LEGIONNAIRE HALL

HAVE YOU CALLED MARVEL MAN?

YES. BUT HE'S A NO-SHOW.

WHERE DID ALL THE GOD-DAMNED PHONE BOOTHS GO?!

MEANWHILE...

YES. I AGREE.

I'LL MEET YOU AT CITY HALL.

LIGHTNING LADY, HOLD MY CALLS.

MUSKIDAY, YOU'RE IN CHARGE WHILE I'M GONE.

THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN.

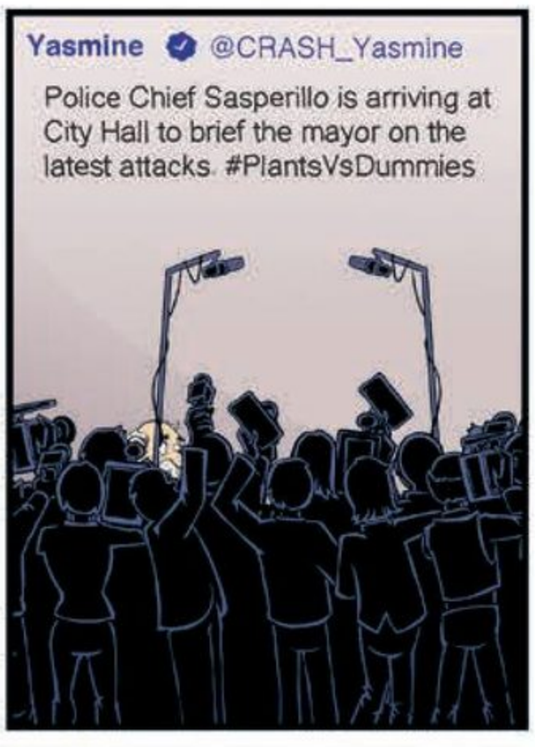
IS IT TRUE WOMEN ARE ATTRACTED TO POWER?

YES.

UNFORTUNATELY, SHE'S NOT MY TYPE.

WHERE'S YOUR REST-ROOM?
SORRY, PAL. TO USE OUR RESTROOMS, YOU EITHER GOTTA BE A CUSTOMER OR AN EMPLOYEE.

OK!
JUST GIVE ME A SHOT!


Yasmine @CRASH_Yasmine
Police Chief Sasperillo is arriving at City Hall to brief the mayor on the latest attacks. #PlantsVsDummies

CHIEF, CAPTAIN HEROIC AND WINGMAN FOUGHT A SIMILAR PLANT-CREATURE A FEW WEEKS AGO.

DO YOU THINK ITS SPORES WERE SPREAD WHEN CAP EXPLODED IT FROM THE INSIDE?

Yasmine @CRASH_Yasmine
The Police Chief had no comment.
WHERE'S THE MAYOR?
SHE HAS BEEN IN A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH A WOMAN THAT JUST BARGED IN HERE!

Geez. ALL I GOT'S A COUPLE BUCKS.

WHAT'S THE SPECIAL?

Ask about Today's Special!

RESTROOM IS FOR CUSTOMERS ONLY

AVOCADO SPAGHETTI WITH RED SAUCE AND JELLIED CHICKEN.

IT AIN'T THE ORDINARY.

THAT'S THE SPECIAL?!

LEMME TALK TO YOUR MANAGER!

I CAN'T.

SHE'S IN THE RESTROOM.

DID SHE BUY SOMETHING FIRST?

Yeah. THE SPECIAL.

THAT'S WHY SHE'S IN THE RESTOOM.

YOU CAN'T DO THAT! IT'S BLACKMAIL!

THAT'S THE MAYOR'S VOICE.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO STOP THE ATTACKS.

BLACKMAIL?!

I CERTAINLY HOPE SHE DOESN'T GIVE IN!

I DUNNO...

A little BLACKMAIL COULDN'T HURT...

PLEASE! I KNOW RESTROOMS ARE FOR PAYING CUSTOMERS.

BUT I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!

I CAN SEAT YOU IN SELINA'S SECTION IMMEDIATELY.

IS THE KOBE BEEF HUMANELY RAISED?

CHOMP

WE NEED TO RESCUE THE OLD MAN.

WE NEED CAP.

BUT WHERE IS HE?

NOT FAR AWAY

LISTEN... WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP.

WE WILL, DARLING...

GET DRESSED, AND MEET ME DOWNSTAIRS.

WAITAMINIT. DO YOU HEAR THAT?

LOOK! UP IN THE SKY!

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIM.

It's him.

IT'S...

CAPTAIN HEROIC!

WINGMAN AND ELASTIC MAN: EVACUATE THE CIVILIANS.

MR. FABULOUS AND 'VINCE: COVER THEM.

EVERYBODY ELSE: USE THE SEWERS TO ATTACK THE PLANTS AT THEIR ROOTS.

"SO... WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE NEW THREADS?"

"WE WILL. RIGHT AFTER WE TALK ABOUT THAT CHRISTMAS STOCKING ON YOUR DOORKNOB."

A FEW DAYS LATER, DAWN BREAKS OVER A RELIEVED CITY.

GOD DAMN IT!

...THEY'RE NEVER GONNA LET ME LIVE THIS DOWN.

LATER... A PRESS CONFERENCE IS HELD AT CITY HALL

AS MAYOR OF FAIRMOUNT CITY, I'D LIKE TO THANK CAPTAIN HEROIC AND JUSTICE LTD. FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND VALOR.

MAYOR! DOES THE PRESENCE OF CAPTAIN HEROIC INDICATE HE'S BEEN REINSTATED AT JUSTICE LTD?

NO.

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, CAPTAIN HEROIC WILL BE A FR

MAYOR...

MAY I...?

YES. OF COURSE.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... THIS IS CASSANDRA CRUZ.

CAPTAIN HEROIC IS NOW A FREE AGENT.

HE CAN BE HIRED THROUGH MY COMPANY, **THE SILVER AGENCY.**

HIS INVOLVEMENT IN YESTERDAY'S CRISIS WAS NOT SANCTIONED BY THE CITY, NOR WERE MUNICIPAL FUNDS USED.

RATHER, THE SUPERHEROICS THAT SAVED FAIRMOUNT CITY WERE BROUGHT TO YOU BY...

CHEMI-GLO INDUSTRIES...

MAKERS OF **WEED RATHER NOT.**

Oh.

-ahem-

"UNSIGHTLY DANDELIONS IN OUR BACKYARD?"

WEED RATHER NOT™

WEED RATHER NOT

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON WHO WILL FOOT THE BILL FOR THE CLEAN-UP?

WE'D RATHER NOT.

Huh?

WAIT.

WHAT?

NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

PHENOMENAL LASS HAD A PLAN TO SNEAK ONE OF THE **PLANT CREATURES** OFF TO HER APARTMENT AND **TAME** IT.

SHE FAILED.

SHE'D HAVE TO TAKE THE PLANT **BACK** TO JUSTICE LTD.

MAYBE TOMORROW.

THANKS FOR OFFERING TO HELP ME TAME MY PLANT...

I GOT THE IDEA FROM A BROADWAY PLAY.

LATER... AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE DISPERSES...

THAT WENT SURPRISINGLY WELL...

IN FACT... BETTER THAN I'D EXPECTED.

ARE YOU READY TO MOVE ON TO **PHASE TWO?**

The Philadelphia

hundreds

THEY WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT 'EM...

The Philadelphia Inquirer

City overrun by hundreds of plans

AND... BACK AT EVIL INC...

THEA WANTS ALL EVIL INC BUSINESS TO RETURN TO NORMAL.

AS SOON AS SHE GETS BACK, SHE WANTS TO SEE **MISS MATCH.**

"WHERE IS MISS MATCH?"

YA-AWN

COFFEE. I NEED COFFEE.

NICE

NICE

BURNING DESIRE

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEND THE NIGHT HERE.

AND FOR NOT... PUSHING THINGS.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN **WRONG** TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR EMOTIONAL STATE.

AND... I CARE FOR YOU TOO DEEPLY FOR THAT.

I... I DON'T WANT TO LEAD YOU ON.

I'M GOING TO NEED A LITTLE TIME...

BEFORE I'M READY TO START A NEW RELATIONSHIP.

MISS MATCH...

I CAN GIVE YOU ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD.

DO YOU MIND IF I STAY HERE FOR A FEW DAYS?

IF I GO HOME, CAP'S SURE TO SHOW UP...

AND I'M NOT QUITE READY FOR THAT.

OF COURSE.

NOW.

WHAT COULD WE DO TO BRIGHTEN YOUR MOOD?

I HAVE A WORKOUT SCHEDULED IN A FEW MINUTES.

WANNA GO FOR A RUN?

ON YOUR MARK...

GET SET...

THE WATERFRONT

YOU SURE THAT'S OUR GUY?

Yeah. SALVATORE "LUCKY" MALOCCHIO.

HAVE A LOOK AT HIS CRIMINAL RECORD.

"Sheesh. THIS THING READS LIKE AL CAPONE'S DAY-PLANNER."

"... A REAL TO-**DON'T** LIST."

THIS GUY'S BEEN ARRESTED SO MANY TIMES HIS **FINGERPRINTS** EARN **ROYALTIES.**

HE'S BEEN IN FRONT OF MORE **JUDGES** THAN **RYAN SEACREST.**

HE'S BEEN IN **HANDCUFFS** MORE OFTEN THAN **HOUDINI.**

AND YET HALF AS OFTEN AS YOUR WIFE.

HE'S GOT A RAP SHEET AS **LONG** AS MY **SCHMECKLE.**

AND YET HALF AS LONG AS YOUR WIFE'S.

HEY! WHERE'D HE GO?

NOT **AGAIN,** YOU GUYS.

DON'T WORRY, CHIEF, WE FOUND HIM.

"HE'S JUST... SITTING ON A PARK BENCH."

AND HE **STILL** ALMOST GAVE YOU THE SLIP.

REQUEST PERMISSION TO — ⌘ **WHAT TH'?!**

DISPATCH: WE'RE IN HOT PURSUIT OF TWO SUPER-VILLAINS!

WHAT ABOUT MALOCCHIO?!

"I GUESS NOW WE KNOW WHY THEY CALL HIM **'LUCKY!'**"

MEANWHILE, IN A NEARBY STRIP MALL...

THE SILVER AGE

A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT A GROCERY STORE?!

THEY'RE PAYING TOP DOLLAR!

THIS WHOLE FREE-AGENT THING WAS A BAD IDEA.

CHEMI-GLO DROPPED ME AFTER YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE.

"HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THEY'D THINK 'WEED RATHER NOT' WAS SPONSORING THE CLEAN-UP?"

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COMMENT ON WHO WILL FOOT THE BILL FOR THE CLEAN-UP?

WE'D RATHER NOT.

BESIDES, I PATCHED THAT UP.

THE CEO WAS VERY... UNDERSTANDING...

BUT HOW —?

NEVERMIND. IT'S PROBABLY BEST I DON'T KNOW...

NOBODY WANTS TO KNOW HOW THE ...SAUSAGE... IS MADE.

WHY DO YOU KEEP PAUSING MID-SENTENCE?! — AND WAGGLING YOUR EYEBROWS?!?

I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A "MONTY PYTHON" SKETCH!

Heh... "PYTHON."

YOUR EYEBROWS AREN'T EVEN ATTACHED TO YOUR HEAD, ARE THEY?

CANCEL THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY!

I DID.

I HAVE A MUCH BETTER JOB FOR YOU.

I'M SERIOUS! I'M **NOT** GOING TO — ⁂

You did?

"NO, YOU'RE NOT..."

REMEMBER: WAIT FIVE MINUTES AFTER I LEAVE.

YES, YOUR HIGHNESS.

KING RUTHOR IS SENDING PRINCESS ALEXIANNA TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A VACATION.

YOU'RE HER BODYGUARD.

Nope!

I AM **NOT** GONNA SPEND ALL MY TIME FENDING OFF THE ADVANCES OF A GOO-GOO-EYED TWENTY-SOMETHING WITH DADDY ISSUES.

I'M QUITE PREPARED TO SWALLOW MY PRIDE...

...BUT, IF I'M BEING HONEST...

I'D RATHER SWALLOW **yours.**

LATER... AT THE FAIRMOUNT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT...

Feeny

Oswalt

Ms. Hig

PRINCESS ALEXIA

FABIAN HENNY

YOU MUST BE CAPTAIN HEROIC.

Huh?!

Oh!

SORRY!

I SHOULDA **EXPECTED** THE PRINCESS TO HAVE HER OWN SECURITY ON THE FLIGHT.

Yeah.

HE'S GETTING MY BAGGAGE.

HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR AMERICAN BODYGUARD, YOUR HIGHNESS?

HE'S THE ONE DOING THE GUPPY IMPERSONATION.

I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD GET YOU TO YOUR HOTEL.

I'LL TAKE YOUR BAGS.

HANDS OFF, BOY SCOUT.

SMAK

Huh?!

I'M PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF CARRYING MY OWN LUGGAGE.

AND I **DON'T** APPRECIATE YOU ASSUMING I **CAN'T**.

Did you pick up the princess?

Yeah. By the way...

tap tap tap

...did you say the king sent her here for a vacation?

Yes.

his, right?

LATER, AT THE THREE SEASONS HOTEL...*

CASSIE HAS ME GUARDING A PRINCESS.

BUT SHE'S BEEN **ASLEEP** SINCE WE CHECKED IN.

*THANKS, CLIMATE CHANGE

HOW ARE YOU GUYS?

NOT BAD, I GUESS...

WE'VE HEARD RUMORS OF A NEW SUPERVILLAIN IN TOWN...

SO I'M A **GARGOYLE JOCKEY** FOR THE NIGHT.

Ooh!

ARE YOU AT THE GEMINI BUILDING?

I'VE DONE SOME TOP-NOTCH **BROODING** OVER THERE!

NOW SERVING 27

"Nah. THERE WAS ALREADY A LINE."

"I HAD TO GO TO A *SheldonCorp* BUILDING."

"IT'S... **NOT** BROOD-CONDUCIVE."

...with an assist from my friend Dave Kellett from SheldonComics.com

SO... THIS IS YOUR LIFE NOW?

GUARDING ROYALTY?

MAYBE YOU COULD PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME WITH PRENTICE...

"WINGMAN HAS BEEN HOUNDING HIM FOR DAYS."

IS...

IS SHE **WORTH** IT?

THERE ARE SO MANY SUPERHEROINES WHO WOULD **LOVE** TO DATE YOU...

A-AMAZON? WHAT ARE Y-

I GOTTA GO! I THINK I'VE SPOTTED THE SUPER-VILLAIN!

Sigh

YOU THERE! HALT!

WE HEARD THERE WAS A SUPERVILLAIN ENQUIRING ABOUT RARE ARTIFACTS.

NOW HERE **YOU** ARE, PROWLING AROUND THE FAIRMOUNT MUSEUM OF ART!

AMAZON TO BASE. COME IN, BASE,

PRENTICE: I'VE CORNERED A SUPER-VILLAIN AT -⌖

AT... hngh

oh... oh, god...

AMAZON! AMAZON!

gasp

WHO IS THE VILLAIN YOU'RE FACING?

hHh hHh hHh hHh

THE NAME'S VYBE

VVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVV

AND, RIGHT NOW, SHE'S FACING THE GROUND...

VVVVVVV VVVVVVVV

gasp

MOOOAAAAANNN

BY THE WAY, "NEYTIRI," I'LL STOP THE MOMENT YOU ASK.

JUST SAY THE MAGIC WORD.

VVVVVVV

M... M... M...

"MERCY"?

squeeze

VVVVVVV

M-MORE.

YOUR STAMINA IS IMPRESSIVE.

I'M SENDING ENOUGH VIBRA-WAVES THROUGH YOU TO BRING AN ENTIRE **CHEERLEADING SQUAD** TO THEIR KNEES.

Ngh

VVVVV

"ASK ME HOW I KNOW."

MAYBE IT'S TIME FOR MY VIBRA-DRONES TO MAKE A BEELINE FOR YOUR **DOUBLE-Ds.**

STATE

VVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVV

gasp

clamp

clamp

BRRT

BRRT

VVVVVV

...AND, IN CASE YOU NEED A NUDGE...

hHh hHh hHh

SHIK

VVVVVVVV

gasp Hnng

Hnng

Hnng

VVVVVVVVV VVVVVV

DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO CATCH ME.

BY THE TIME YOUR LEGS STOP QUIVERING...

I'LL BE LONG GONE!

hHh

hHh

hHh

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

ZZZZZZZZZZZZ

HOUSEKEEPING! HOUSEKEEPING!

BAP BAP BAP

HOUSEKEEPING! HOUSEKEEPING!

ZZZZZZZ

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

I LIKED YOU BETTER IN RED SPANDEX.

I LIKED **YOU** BETTER IN THE CAPE.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO CLEAN YOUR ROOM, MR. HERO?

HOLD ON.

LEMME SEE IF HER HIGHNESS IS -->

GONE?!

ring ring ring

CAP! I JUST GOT OFF WITH A **CLUB RISQUÉ** BOUNCER!

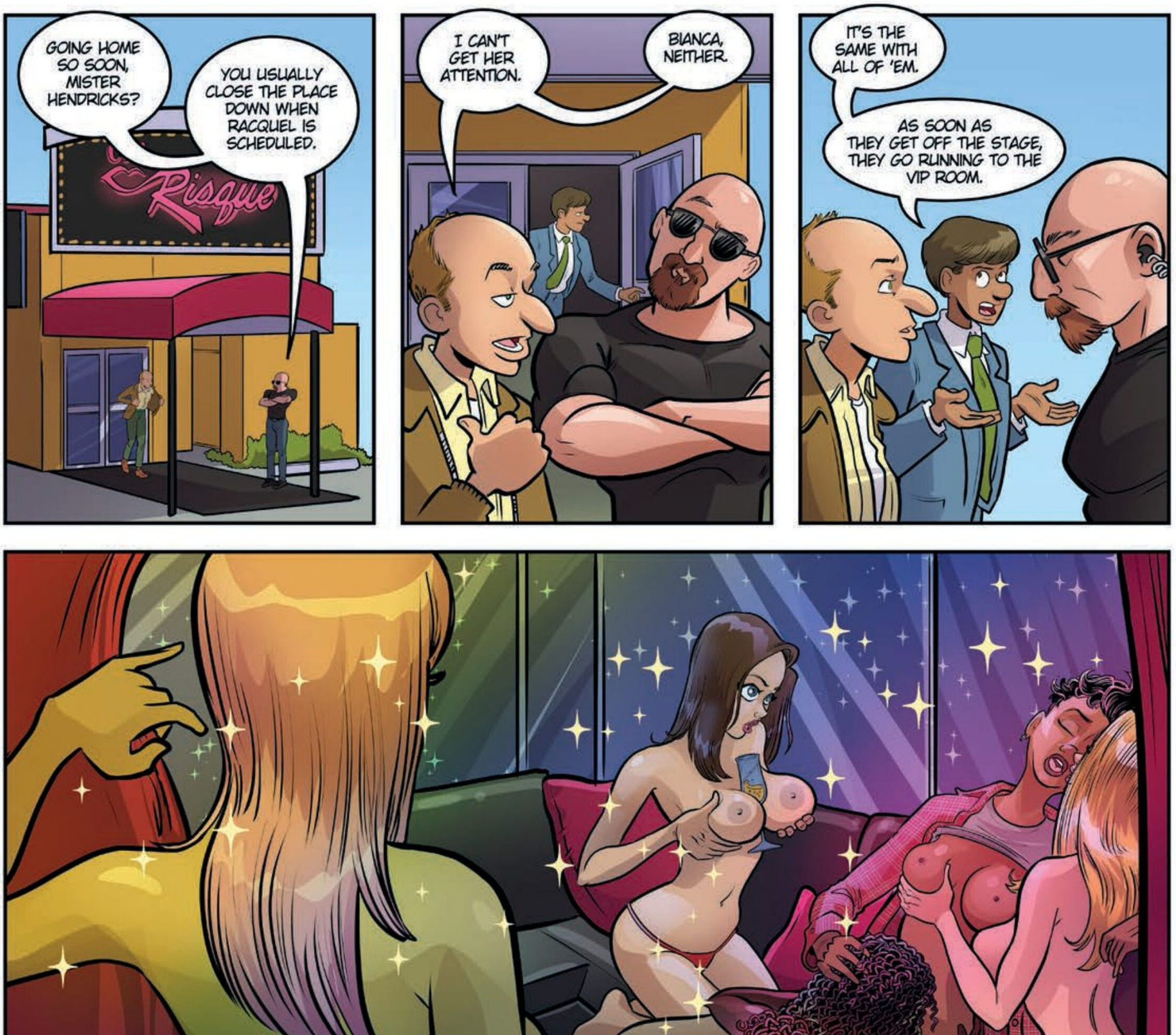
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR **PERSONAL LIFE** RIGHT NOW, CASSIE!

OFF **THE PHONE,** YOU IDIOT!

THE PRINCESS IS THERE! SHE'S CAUSING A DISTURBANCE AND REFUSES TO LEAVE!

WHAT'S A **PRINCESS** DOIN' AT A **STRIP CLUB?!**

MAKIN' IT **reign** BABY!


GOING HOME SO SOON, MISTER HENDRICKS?
YOU USUALLY CLOSE THE PLACE DOWN WHEN RACQUEL IS SCHEDULED.
Risque
I CAN'T GET HER ATTENTION.
BIANCA, NEITHER.
IT'S THE SAME WITH ALL OF 'EM.
AS SOON AS THEY GET OFF THE STAGE, THEY GO RUNNING TO THE VIP ROOM.

MEANWHILE...

OK. THAT WAS **FUN.**

WHY DON'T YOU RELAX WITH A HOT BATH?

I'LL MAKE DINNER.

YOU COOK, **TOO?**

I'M IMMORTAL. THESE HANDS HAVE ACQUIRED **MANY** SKILLS OVER THE CENTURIES.

WOW.

I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT.

MAYBE THERE **IS** SOMETHING YOU CAN DO FOR ME.

WHAT IF I DROP A STITCH?

DON'T WORRY. THIS IS WHY WE DO A TENSION SQUARE.

SO...

WHO TAUGHT YOU TO KNIT? — YOUR MOM?

Heh. NO.

MY WIFE.

YOU'RE MARRIED?!

I **WAS.**

SEVERAL TIMES.

BEING IMMORTAL, I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE, MARRIED AND... **BURIED...** MORE TIMES THAN I CARE TO THINK ABOUT.

IT'S A **LONELY** FEELING... KNOWING EVERYONE I MEET WILL DISAPPEAR IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.

AREN'T THERE IMMORTAL WOMEN?

DATING AN **IMMORTAL** IS LIKE WORKING THE **HOGWARTS EXPRESS.**

"YOU SEE A LOT OF BAGGAGE — ALL OF IT BIZARRE."

FRAGILE

THAT NIGHT...

DO YOU THINK YOU'LL EVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN?

I ALWAYS **SAY** I WON'T.

I'M ALWAYS WRONG.

YOU?

WHEN I MET CAPTAIN HEROIC, I DIDN'T FEEL **LOVE** AT FIRST.

I FELT **TRUST**.

"THAT'S WHY IT ANNIHILATED ME WHEN I FOUND OUT HE WAS CHEATING."

I'VE **FALLEN** IN LOVE... **MADE** LOVE... HAD **MULTIPLE** LOVERS...

SOMETIMES ALL IN THE SAME NIGHT.

...BUT WITHOUT **TRUST**, IT'S JUST ANIMAL PASSION...

SKIN-ON-SKIN... CRACKLING WITH EXCITEMENT— AND THEN GONE.

LOVE IS EASY.

I WANT TO TRUST AGAIN.

anyway...

I'M GONNA GO TO BED. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP WITH THE DISHES?

Nah.

I'M NOT QUITE READY TO CALL IT A NIGHT YET.

...AT LEAST UNTIL I CAN TRUST THIS **LOINCLOTH** AGAIN...

LATER, IN THE GUEST BEDROOM...

I'M NOT SURE WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT **SOBEK**.

Heh. ...OR HIS T-SHIRTS.

HEARING HIM TALK ABOUT HIS LONELINESS WAS HEARTBREAKING.

...BUT ALSO REASSURING.

AFTER ALL... WHY WOULD HE WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER MORTAL WOMAN?

I GUESS THAT'S WHY I FEEL SO **SAFE** HERE.

ANY OTHER GUY WOULD BE TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ME RIGHT NOW.

"I GUESS A COUPLE THOUSAND YEARS REALLY CHANGES A GUY..."

I CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE, SOBEK.

I NEED YOU.

B-BUT... BUT WE MUSTN'T.

I'M A BIG GIRL.

...IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES.

ZZZIP

hHh hHh hHh hHh

hHh hHh hHh

gasp

Ngh

I WANT YOU TO FILL ME.

Hngh

PUMP ME FULL OF YOUR SEED.

WHUMP WHUMP

GO... GO SLOW.

YOU'RE SO BIG.

wup

MOOOAAAAANNN

Hngh yes yes

right there

ELSEWHERE...

I JUST SPENT THE LAST HALF-HOUR GETTING **REAMED!**

WE HAVE **GOT** TO DISCUSS BOUNDARIES.

ON. THE. PHONE... YOU SIMP.

"PRINCESS ALEXIANNA'S STRIP-CLUB EXPLOITS WERE TRENDING OVER MOST OF SOCIAL MEDIA!"

What's happening

Foreign royalty, Princess Alexianna, visited a Fairmount City gentlemen's club and monopolized the dancers until closing down the establishment

THE KING SENT HER HERE TO LAY LOW — NOT TO **GET LAID!**

wait. "LAY LOW"?

THERE'S SOME KIND OF **SCANDAL** IN HER HOME COUNTRY.

I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS.

YOU NEED TO KEEP HER OUT OF THE SPOTLIGHT!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS RIGHT **NOW?**

RELAX.

SHE'S WAITING IN THE LIMO IN THE PARKING L-⁂

THANKS FOR CALLING, MARTIN.

SURE THING, CAP.

WHAT HAPPENED?

THERE WAS THIS **HOUSEWIFE...** DOIN' HER GROCERY SHOPPING ACROSS THE STREET..

THE PRINCESS WALKED OVER.

"THEY WEREN'T TALKING **TEN MINUTES** WHEN THEY WERE IN THE BACK OF MY LIMOUSINE. SHE ORDERED ME TO DRIVE."

FOOD MART

A COUPLE HOURS LATER, I REALIZED THEY WERE BOTH OUT LIKE A LIGHT.

SHE'S A FORMIDABLE WOMAN, THE PRINCESS...

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LOOK AT HER. SLEEPING LIKE A BABY.

...A **HUNGRY** BABY.

I'LL TAKE THE PRINCESS HOME.

CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE OTHER WOMAN?

AFTER WHAT I'VE SEEN TODAY...?

I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW...

LATER, AT EVIL INC...

THEA WANTS YOU TO SIGN OFF ON THESE NEW **HENCHMAN WAIVER** FORMS.

Oh, yes! DID WE ADD THE CLAUSE ABOUT ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT?

SECTION THREE, PARAGRAPH SIX.

HOW ABOUT **INTENTIONAL** DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT?

PARAGRAPHS SEVEN THROUGH THIRTY-SIX.

YOUR NEW POSITION HERE REALLY SEEMS TO AGREE WITH YOU.

YOU LOOK FABULOUS.

THANKS!

SINCE BECOMING THEA'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, I FEEL LIKE A **CUB** AGAIN!

I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND THE OFFICE MUCH.

REMEMBER: IT'S AGAINST OUR POLICY FOR HER TO MAKE YOU RUN PERSONAL ERRANDS...

NO RUNNING FOR GROCERIES, OR PICKING UP DRY-CLEANING.

Oh, THAT'S OK.

YOU **KNOW** HOW MUCH I LOVE TO FETCH.

ELSEWHERE...

HEY. THIS IS MARQUIS. LEAVE A MESSAGE.

HE STILL HASN'T CALLED BACK, eh?

BEAT IT, BUG-EYES.

ALL I'M SAYING IS...

IT **IS** POSSIBLE TO **LOWER** ONE'S STANDARDS.

THEY CAN ONLY BE LOWERED SO FAR AND **STILL** BE CONSIDERED "STANDARDS."

AND MY ANSWER TO YOU WOULD **STILL** BE "NO."

NOT ME...

HIM.

THEA HIRED HIM IN ACCOUNTING WHEN SHE MADE MR. HOWELL HER ASSISTANT.

HE'S **HOT.**

WHY WERE YOU TRYING TO GET ME TO LOWER MY STANDARDS?

I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT YOU...

AND IN YET ANOTHER CORNER OF THE OFFICE...

MISS MATCH LOOKS SO **SAD.**

gulp

THAT MAY BE **MY** FAULT.

SHE AND CAP GOT EXPOSED BECAUSE OF THE DESHROUDER DEMON THAT **I** SENT TO SNOOP ON HER!

DOES SHE KNOW?

I DON'T **THINK** SO.

HOW **COULD** SHE?

ANYONE WHO KNOWS COULD HAVE TOLD HER.

BUT **I'M** THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS.

...AND ME.

YOU WOULDN'T TELL HER, **WOULD** YOU?

nah.

I'M GONNA BE TOO BUSY WITH MY NEW **HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM.**

EXCITING! WHEN DID YOU GET **THAT?!**

ABOUT TEN SECONDS AGO.

AND, IN THE BREAKROOM...

whew!

HAVE YOU MET THE NEW ACCOUNTANT?

"PHIL? Yeah. HE'S A SWEETIE. THE KINDA GUY YOU CAN REALLY **LOOK UP** TO."

OR

IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT...

LOOK UP **AT.**

WHY ARE YOU SO GLUM?

IS IT ABOUT CAPTAIN HEROIC?

sigh

HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO HIM?

SINCE THAT NIGHT?

THERE WERE REPORTS OF HIM AND ANOTHER WOMAN.

I'VE BEEN AVOIDING HIM EVER SINCE.

"MAYBE I SHOULD CALL HIM..."

"ehhhh... MAYBE NOT."

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CAP'S NEW LOVE?

HERO SEEN SQUIRING PRINCESS AFTER STRIP-CLUB DEBAUCHERY

Up next

Citizens' Resistance Against Super Heroes

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LATER, AT IRON DRAGON'S HOUSE...

knock knock

hoo boy!

H-HI, 'DRAGON...

COME RIGHT IN! TELL THE WORKERS I CLEARED A SPOT RIGHT OVER —

WHERE ARE THE INSTALLERS?

ARE THEY HAVING TROUBLE FINDING PARKING, DESI?

THERE IS NO TRUCK.

DESI...

YOU PROMISED ME A HOME ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM!

AND I BROUGHT YOU ONE.

Heh.

I GUESS I HAD THAT COMING.

...OR THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

Hey!

DID... DID IT JUST MOVE?

I POSSESSED IT WITH A SOUL I RESCUED FROM THE SECOND CIRCLE.

SHE'S FUN!

Nghh

YOU'RE SO BIG.

suk suk suk

SUCH A HOT STUD.

...AND LOW EXPECTATIONS. SHE'S PERFECT FOR YOU.

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN'T— um — STICK AROUND FOR A WHILE.

I'M SORRY. I'VE GOT A DATE WITH SUGAT TONIGHT.

WHAT DOES HE HAVE THAT I DON'T?

TONIGHT?

ME!

Sigh

Sheesh, YOU'RE A REAL PUSSY!

AND YOU'RE A FAKE ONE.

SUGAR, I WAS A DANCER, A PORN STAR, AND A CALL GIRL— BEFORE RUNNING MY OWN BROTHEL.

I'LL MAKE YOUR DICK PERFORM LIKE A TRAINED CIRCUS ANIMAL.

SO...

HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GO TONIGHT?

WHAT DO YOU M—

knock knock knock

gasp

Good boy.

Tube
WHAT WAS CAP DOING WITH THIS VISITING ROYAL?
WE CAN ONLY GUESS.
BUT THE POOR THING SURE LOOKS TUCKERED OUT.
I'M SORRY, SWEETIE. SAY... WHY DON'T YOU STAY WITH ME TONIGHT?
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE ALONE.
IT'S OK.
I'M STAYING WITH SOBEK-RA FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
?
IT'S NOT **LIKE** THAT.
HE'S A FRIEND.
MISS MATCH... **MEN** ARE NOT **FRIENDS.**
THEY CAN BE LOVERS, ENEMIES, CO-WORKERS, EMPLOYEES, AND A WHOLE RAFT OF OTHER THINGS.
BUT NOT **FRIENDS.**
YOU DON'T CONSIDER **ME** A FRIEND??
I DON'T CONSIDER YOU A MAN.
ARE YOU **SURE** ABOUT SOBEK?
I'M GONNA TAKE A WALK DOWN TO THE CORNER STORE.
DO YOU WANT ANYTHING?
THAT REMINDS ME. WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON SHAMPOO.
I'LL WALK DOWN TO THE STORE.
DARNED PEN RAN OUT OF INK!
I CAN PICK SOME UP AT THE STORE.
BILLS
ARE WE RUNNING LOW ON ICE CREAM?
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
"HE'S THE PERFECT GENTLEMAN."
MISTER...?
MY BOSS SAYS WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO START CHARGING YOU RENT.
Packaged ICE
ICE
ICE
ICE

ELSEWHERE...
WELL, WELL, WELL...
SHORT
FUSE
BAR 'N' GRILL
No SUPERHEROES
CRIMSON GHOST
WITH SO LITTLE CHANGE.
MENTAL JIM NASTY! IS THAT REALLY YOU?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOUR PROGNOSTICATION POWER MADE YOU ONE OF MY TOUGHEST FOES!
THINGS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FOR ME, THESE DAYS...
I CAN SEE ONLY A FEW MINUTES INTO THE FUTURE.
SAY, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW IF
SHE'S AT A TABLE IN THE BACK.
Oh.
THANKS.
COULD I HAVE A — ⁂
THANKS.
HERE YA GO.
KEEP IT.
Heh.
I CALLED THAT THE MINUTE I SAW HIM.
HELLO, SAMANTHA.
HELLO, TED.
I HEAR YOU TRIED TO TALK CAPTAIN HEROIC OUT OF DATING MISS MATCH.
I HEAR YOU TRIED TO SLAP HIM OUT OF IT.
hmph
IT SEEMS NEITHER OF US WERE SUCCESSFUL.
WE NEED TO TRY AGAIN.
HE'S MAKING A BIG MISTAKE.
MAYBE.
MAYBE THE MISTAKE WAS MINE.
SO... IS SHE STILL THE SAME GIRL YOU REMEMBERED, HERO?
Heh.
NO. I'M AFRAID NOT.
SUPERHEROES
ESTAURANT
THAT WAS NOT MOON MAIDEN.
TO BE CONTINUED!

SOMEWHERE ELSEWHERE...
DAMMIT, CAP!
YOU LOST THE PRINCESS *again?!*
"RELAX..."
THANKS FOR BRINGING ME BACK.
I WAS BUSHED.
I PUT TOGETHER A SMALL SNACK FOR YOU IN CASE YOU'RE HUNGRY.
FINGER FOODS!
WOULD YOU LIKE A COOL, REFRESHING SODA?
THANK YOU!
I'LL TAKE THIS IN MY BEDROOM.
VERY GOOD.
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING OUT TONIGHT.
Oh, YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO KNOW.
Yes, I will.
keeping TABS
how can one, little nanochip taste so good?
*Tracker sold separately
YOU NANO-TAGGED THE PRINCESS?!
SILVER AGENCY
Shhhh. THEY CAN HEAR YOU OUT IN THE PARKING LOT.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, DID MY PACKAGE ARRIVE?
Yeah. IT'S OVER THERE.
YOU UNPACKED IT?
I'M YOUR AGENT.
TEN PERCENT OF IT IS IN THE TRUNK OF MY CAR.
USING THIS, I CAN TRACK OUR MISCHIEVOUS GUEST WITH THE NANOCHIP SHE DRANK IN HER SODA.
WHERE IS SHE RIGHT NOW?
SHE'S AT—
HOLY CATS!
WHERE?!
WHERE?!
SHE'S AT THE MUNICIPAL WATER-TREATMENT PLANT!
Oh. Sorry.
THAT WAS THE CAN I SAMPLED THE DAY BEFORE.

ACROSS TOWN...

MESSAGES now
Mr. X
Are you ready to make the delivery?
Press for more

Are you ready to make the delivery?

I think so. Im still worried about the cops, though.

tappity tappity tap

Don't be. They're easily distracted. Remember?

Are you sure you don't want me to look inside the box? — Check the item?

tappity tappity tap

That won't be necessary.

Just bring the package. And make sure nobody follows you.

Don't worry. I'm the beast at what I do.

DAMNED ALITO-CORRECT.

tappity tappity tap

KISH

WHERE'D HE GO?!

THERE HE IS!

WHERE?!

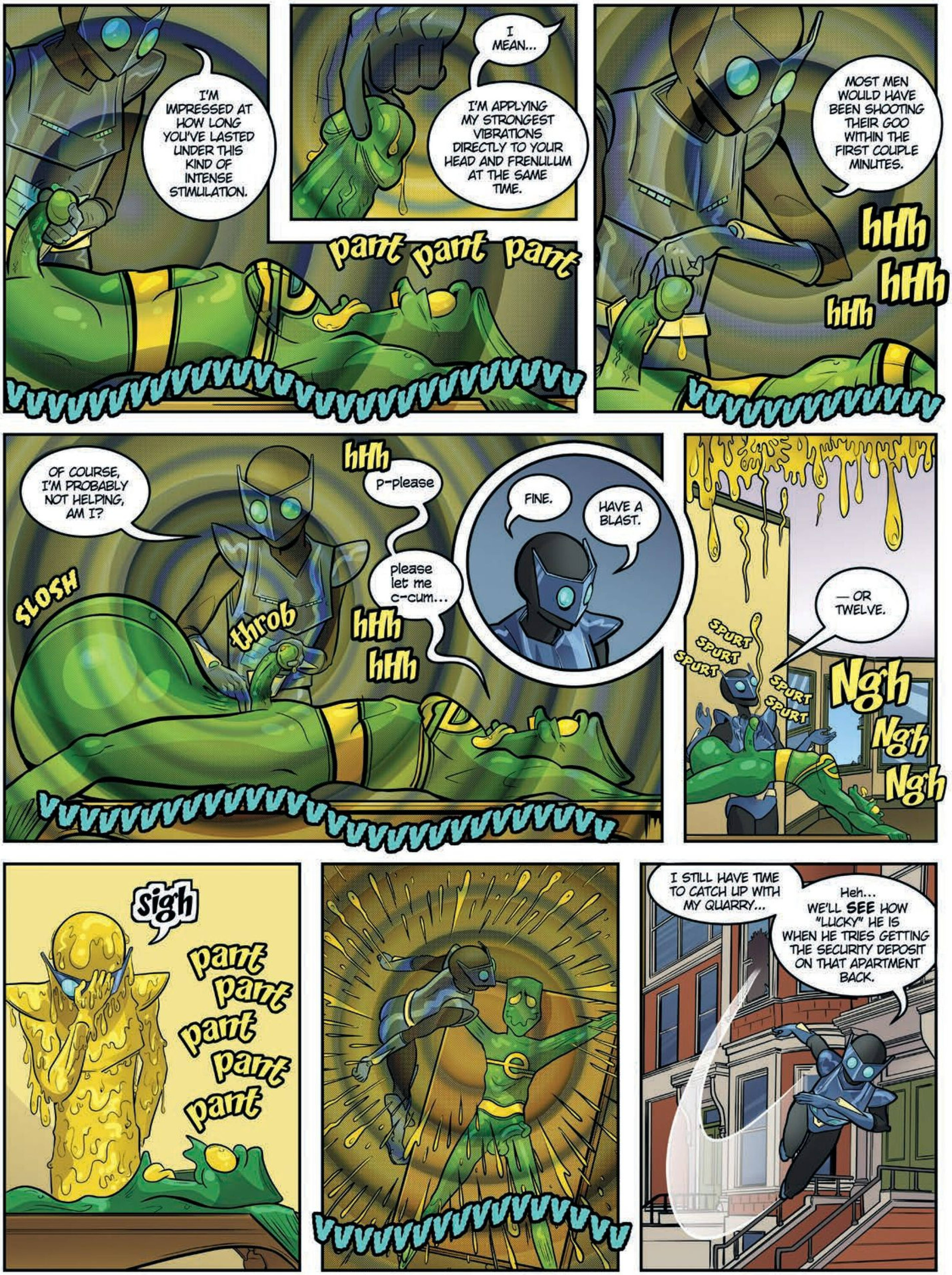
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?

VVVVVVVVVVVVVV

hHh hHh hHh

Oh.

excuse me...
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO STOP?
NOT AT ALL! I JUST THOUGHT SOME SEXY FIRST-PERSON NARRATION MIGHT BE COOL.
OK. SO... HOW DO I GET YOUR PANTS OFF?
USUALLY, A COUPLE GLASSES OF WINE AND THE "TOY STORY" THEME SONG ON ALTO-REPEAT.
BUT IN THIS CASE...
Hmph
fwomp
MAY I CONTINUE?
rub
rub
rub
I HAVE AN IDEA.
JUMP UP HERE.
ooh!
I LOVE TABLE-TOP GAMING!
boosh
pat
pat
YOU'LL REALLY LOVE THIS ONE...
Please be Chutes and Ladders! Please be Chutes and Ladders!
I CAN'T PROMISE ANY LADDERS, BUT THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF SHOOTS!
VVVVVVVVVVVVVVV


I'M IMPRESSED AT HOW LONG YOU'VE LASTED UNDER THIS KIND OF INTENSE STIMULATION.
I MEAN...
I'M APPLYING MY STRONGEST VIBRATIONS DIRECTLY TO YOUR HEAD AND FRENULUM AT THE SAME TIME.
pant pant pant
Vvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvv
MOST MEN WOULD HAVE BEEN SHOOTING THEIR GOO WITHIN THE FIRST COUPLE MINUTES.
hHh hHh hHh
Vvvvvvvvvvvvvvvv
OF COURSE, I'M PROBABLY NOT HELPING, AM I?
hHh
p-please
please let me c-cum...
SLOSH
throb
hHh hHh
FINE.
HAVE A BLAST.
Vvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvv
—OR TWELVE.
SPURT SPURT SPURT
SPURT SPURT
Ngh Ngh Ngh
sigh
pant pant pant pant pant
Vvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvvv
I STILL HAVE TIME TO CATCH UP WITH MY QUARRY...
Heh... WE'LL **SEE** HOW "LUCKY" HE IS WHEN HE TRIES GETTING THE SECURITY DEPOSIT ON THAT APARTMENT BACK.

MEANWHILE... IN SOBEK-RA'S COMPOUND...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TODAY IS?

IT'S OUR FRIENDAVERSARY!

WHAT'S A FRIENDAVERSARY?

YOU CAME TO STAY WITH ME ONE MONTH AGO TODAY.

Oh...

Oh, no.

IT'S ALL GONE SO BAD.

huh?!

IT'S BEEN TERRIFIC!

I THOUGHT YOU LIKED IT HERE!

NO...

I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE EGG SALAD I LEFT IN MY FRIDGE.

IT'S PROBABLY ACHIEVED SENTIENCE BY NOW!

NO, I HAVEN'T.

I SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE.

I'VE BEEN IMPOSING ON YOU FOR SO LONG.

NOT AT ALL.

HOWEVER... IF YOU'RE READY TO MOVE BACK, I'LL HELP YOU IN THE MORNING.

BUT TONIGHT...

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR FRIENDAVERSARY IN STYLE!

I'LL ORDER PIZZA, AND YOU FIND SOMETHING ON TV.

THIS ISN'T GONNA BE NETFLIX & CHILL IS IT?

"Heh... I HOPE NOT..."

Packaged ICE

"GILMORE GIRLS" AGAIN...?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ON YOUR PIZZA?

WHATEVER YOU WANT.

I TRUST YOU.

THAT MAKES ME HAPPY — WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT **TRUSTING** ME.

I DO.

YOU'VE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE WHILE I'VE BEEN GETTING BACK ON TRACK EMOTIONALLY.

YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND, SOBEK

SMEK

HOLD ON! WE SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT!

WHY NOT?!

YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, SOBEK!

YOU'RE IMMORTAL AND I'M **NOT!**

ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US WOULD END IN **MORE PAIN** FOR YOU. AND I DON'T WANT THAT!

IT'S NOT **YOUR** DECISION!

THEN I'VE STAYED TOO LONG.

I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GO.

IF I STAY ANY LONGER, YOU'LL ONLY GET —

Oh, THANK GOODNESS.

IS HE STILL ALIVE?

HIM? NO.

HE'S QUITE DEAD.

BUT YOUR PRESENT IS HERE.

THAT... WAS FOR **HER?**

WHO THE HELL ARE **YOU?!**

LADY, YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. **now.**

WHY?

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

SEE FOR YOURSELF.

BEHOLD!
THE BLADE OF OSIRIS
ANYONE WHO FALLS UNDER THE BLADE'S KISS WILL RISE TO LIFE EVERLASTING.
Hey! BE CAREFUL!
YOU MIGHT STAB SOMEONE WITH THAT THING.
WELL, THAT'S THE POINT.
YOU SEE, THE BLADE'S "KISS" IS A METAPHOR FOR —
DAMN LOINCLOTH.
SOBEK, I REALLY APPRECIATE THE GESTURE.
Grisly though it may be.
I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT IMMORTALITY SINCE MOVING IN WITH YOU.
I DON'T THINK I WANT IT FOR MYSELF.
I HAVE TO ADMIT... I NEVER THOUGHT IN MY WILDEST IMAGINATION THAT YOU'D TURN ME DOWN.
BUT WE'LL HAVE EONS TO WORK ON MY IMAGINATION!
AND I HAVE A FEW IDEAS ON WHERE TO START!
LET'S TRY A VISUALIZATION EXERCISE.
IF YOU SEE YOURSELF HURTING MISS MATCH...
I'LL SEE YOU DEAD.

OW! OW! OW!

WHOOSH

SO.

YOU JUST **HAD** TO TRACK ME DOWN, eh?

NO!

I HAD TO TRACK **HER** DOWN!

WHO'S "**HER**"?

ME.

I'D HAVE BEEN HERE SOONER...

BUT I HAD A BRIEF DETOUR AT THE CORNER STORE.

"THAT'S A WEIRD PLACE..."

EXCUSE ME, WHERE'S THE RESTR—

sigh

THE ICE MACHINE IS OUT BACK.

SHE'S THE WOMAN FROM THAT SCANDALOUS VIDEO!

WHAT VIDEO?!

Yeah... YOU'RE GONNA HAFTA NARROW THAT DOWN...

OW! OW! OW! OW!

"YOU WERE CARRYING HER OUT OF A LIMO AFTER A NIGHT OF DEBAUCHERY!"

"MERE **DAYS** AFTER YOU... AFTER WE..."

IT'S **IMPERATIVE** YOU BELIEVE ME: THERE IS **NOTHING** BETWEEN HER AND ME. I WAS HIRED TO BE HER **BODYGUARD**.

CAP, LET ME HANDLE THIS.

IT'S IMPERATIVE YOU BELIEVE ME: THERE IS **NOTHING** BETWEEN HIM AND ME...

Oh.

I GET IT.

You certainly could.

"YOU WERE **ALSO** SEEN WITH A WOMAN IN A **BAR!**"

ONCE AGAIN, CAPTAIN HEROIC WAS SPOTTED WITH A **HOT** DATE!

CR

I HAVEN'T BEEN IN **ANY** BARS WITH **ANY** WOMEN!

"UNLESS YOU COUNT CASSIE."

"WHO'S **CASSIE**?!"

WE HAVE A **LONG** NIGHT AHEAD OF US.

"SHE'S MY AGENT. AFTER THEY FOUND OUT YOU AND I WERE DATING, JUSTICE INC **FIRED** ME."

CASSIE FINDS ME WORK.

— LIKE GUARDING THE PRINCESS.

YOU **NEED** AN AGENT?!

I NEEDED **HELP.**

JUDGING BY HIS BODYGUARDING SKILLS, I CAN **CONFIRM** THAT.

IT'S BEEN MONTHS!

DID YOU EVER WONDER IF **I** NEEDED HELP?

A MINUTE AGO, YOU WERE ANGRY THAT I HAD "**TRACKED** YOU DOWN"!

YOU COULDA CALLED.

YOU COULDA TEXTED.

HELL! YOU COULDA SENT A SINGING TELEGRAM!

"WHAT WOULD THEY **SING**?!"

♪ THIS NOTE FROM ME IS FROM THE HEART, TO SHOW MY LOVE WHILE WE'RE APART! I KNOW YOU'RE STAYING WITH A FRIEND, I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU'RE NOT FUCKIN' ♪

"THAT DOESN'T EVEN **RHYME!**"

* To the tune of "My Baby Takes the Morning Train."

TRY TO UNDERSTAND...

"CAPTAIN HEROIC" IS MY IDENTITY. — MY **ONLY** IDENTITY.

WHEN I GOT FIRED, I LOST MORE THAN MY HOME AND MY MONEY.

I LOST **ME.**

I WASN'T AN ENTIRE MAN ANYMORE.

...AND YOU DESERVE **MORE** THAN JUST A MAN.

CO-SIGNED!

WHAT ABOUT YOU...?

LIVING HERE...

WITH HIM?

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

EXPLANATIONS? ALIBIS?

details?

NO.

I WANT HAPPINESS.

YOURS.

IF YOU'RE HAPPY HERE, I'LL WALK AWAY.

SAD FOR ME.

PLEASED FOR YOU.

IF NOT, I'D LIKE TO TRY TO BUILD SOMETHING WITH YOU.

TOGETHER.

THAT'S WHAT I WANT FROM YOU.

HAPPINESS.

IS THAT A 'YES'?

to be continued...

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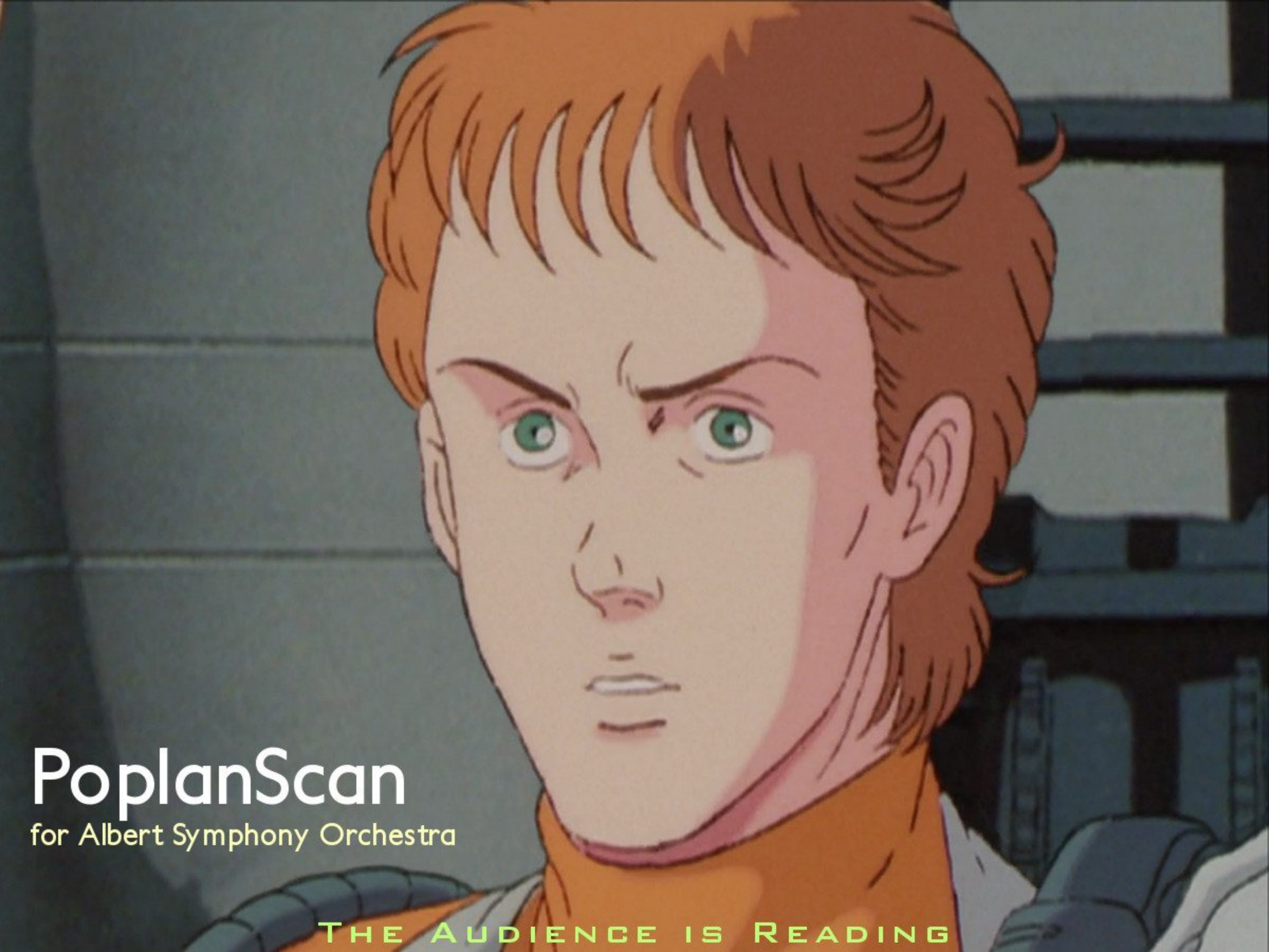
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